Assad confers with Lebanese leaders

DAMASCUS (Agencies) — Syrian President Hafez Al Assad held talks on Wednesday with Lebanese Muslim leaders on last month's assassination of Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karami, the official Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA) said. The Lebanese side included acting Prime Minister Salian Al Hoss, Parliament Speaker Hussein Al Husseim, Druze leader Walid Junblatt and Naidia betti, the Shi'ite Amal militia head. SANA said discussions covered to the leader of Mr. Karami, which "has not yet been duly bandled as an unusual political crime and at undermining Lebanon's unity and carried out by two-Israeli partitionist. at undermining Lebanon's unity and carried out by pro-Israeli partitionist agents." It said the meeting agreed that uncovering and punishing the killers and masterminds of the crime "should have priority to all other issues, and any forme political moves will be conditional on them." Lebanon's Syrian-backed Muslim leaders have blamed the anti-Syrian "Lebanese Forces" militia for the assassination of Mr. Karami and accused President Amin Gemayel of blocking investigations into the



Israel to return Druze land

TEL AVIV (AP) - The Israeli government agreed on Wednesday to return part of what has been converted into a nature reserve to Arab Druze farmers, ending a dispute that had prompted violent clashes. On Monday, 31 people were wounded when police tried to remove a tent camp set up in the reserve by Druze villagers to underline their claim to their ancestral land. Druze leaders met Wednesday with cabinet members, including Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, to work out a compromise, said a foreign ministry official who spoke on condition of anonymity. Under the tentative agreement, the agriculture ministry will issue a regulation allowing people from the Druze village of Beit Jann to farm 1,200 hectares of the reserve near Mount Meron. At a later time, the government will introduce a law in parliament to transfer the 3,000 acres from the nature reserve authority to the villagers, said the foreign ministry official.

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Senate meets today

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Upper House of Parliament (Senate) holds a session today under the chairmanship of Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi. The meeting will be attended by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and Cabinet members, During the session the Senate will refer eight draft laws to specialised committees for debate and

Lod bomb defused

TEL AVIV (AP) - Police safely dismantled an explosive found at a main bus depot near Tel Aviv Wednesday during morning rush hour, the Itim news agency re-ported. The bomb was in a plastic bag beneath a bench at a station in the town of Lod, just outside Tel Aviv, the report said.

Von Weizsaecker invites Waldheim to visit W. Germany

VIENNA (R) - President Richard von Weizsaecker has invited Austrian President Kurt Waldheim to visit West Germany, Foreign Minister Alois Mock said Wednesday. Mr. Von Weizsaecker proposed a "neigh-bourly meeting," according to Mr. Mock. Though such an unofficial meeting would not rank as a state visit, the invitation is the first extended to Dr. Waldheim by a Western head of state to have been made public. News of the invitation came when Mr. Mock was answering journalists' questions after talks with Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov, who on Wednesday began a fourday visit to Austria.

U.S. bars Marcos. from leaving

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States Wednesday announced it had barred former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos from leaving his exile in Hawaii because of concerns he was trying to destabilise the government in Manila. State Department spokesman Charles Redman said U.S. laws give the Immigration and Naturalisation Service authority to bar an alien from departing from the United States. "Such an order has been issued for Mr. Marcos," he told reporters.

4 kidnapped in Sudan

NAIROBI (R) — Gunmen daiming to be members of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) abducted three American teachers and a British narse from their homes in southem Sudan on Tuesday, their office said Wednesday. Daniel Bitrus, executive director of the American Association of Christian Resource Organisations Serving Sudan (ACROSS) named the Americans as Steven Arthur Anderson, Katy Taylor and Mark Mikkel and the Briton as Heather Sinclair. Bitrus told Reuters the gunmen broke into their homes at 12,30 a.m. and took them away at 2.00 a.m. in the company of some Sudanese whom they later released. Anderson 31, Taylor, 32, and Sinclair 29, were working for ACROSS, Anderson and Taylor as teachers at the Bishop Gwyne College in Mundri, about 100 kilometres north of the regional capital Juba, and Sinclair as a minse in an ACROSS primary health care programme, Bitrus added. Nikkel is an Anglican also teaching at Gwyne College but not under ACROSS auspices, he said. The ACROSS personnel had received no prior threats or warnmgs and the abduction came as a surprise, he added.

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Hizbollah-SLA battle BEIRUT (Agencies) - Two re-

sistance fighters and an Israeli-backed militiaman were killed on Wednesday in gunbattles inside Israel's self-declared "security

zone" in southern Lebanon, reports from Tel Aviv said. The clash took place northwest of Aishiyeh, some 16 kilometres

from the Israeli border, according to the reports. Another militiaman from the

pro-Israeli South Lebanon Army (SLA) was wounded in the clash with fighters of the Iranian-backed Hizbollah (Party of God), sources quoted by Reuter said.

Israel claimed its troops killed at least seven resistance fighters on Monday in 16 hours of fierce gunbattles north of the "security zone" near the village of Yater, southeast of Tyre.

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

Sixth Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts begins

JERASH — The ancient ruins of this 4,500-year-old city came alive and reverberated to tantalising music from Arab and Western instruments as the flame of the Sixth Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts was lit on Wednesday, marking the beginning of a threeweek extravaganza.

Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor, along with members of the royal family and senior officials including the prime minister and Cabinet ministers, attended the festive occasion against the greying

background of the setting summer sun.

Seventeen countries from fat and near, from China to the U.S. and Britain to Syria, are partici-pating in this year's Jerash Festival, offering a large choice of Arab and Western music, dances, plays, acrobatics, and literature. A multitude of Jordanian folklore troupes, from the various regions of the Kingdom, crown the list of participants.

Four local Jordanian groups from Fuhais, Ramtha, Mafraq and a Circassian group performed during the opening ceremonies.

They were followed by a short interlude of music by nine Americans, members of the "Young rugs on the traditional Arab

Strings in Action" group, accom-panied by 45 Jordanian musicians from the National Music Con-

As the Jordanian Armed Forces Band played bagpipe and drum music, Her Majesty the Queen walked down the colonnaded walkway to open various exhibitions. In a circle dividing the walkway, Jordanian and Palestinian handicrafts of brass and silver glittered and glim-mered under the floodlights. Small makeshift booths offered passersby souvenirs made of olive

wood. . One highlight was a woman in

loom. She said the rugs she made were for sale at one of the booths at the festival.

Further down the colonnaded walkway, Yarmouk University students entertained spectators with their singing.

In a traditional Arab-style tent sat a group of youngsters sipping Arabic coffee and sharing a song as the aroma of shawarma and filafel filled the air, further authenticating the reputation of the Arab nature and background of the Jerash Festival, an annual event since 1981.

On Wednesday, the London City Ballet performed the

Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor attend the formal opening on Wednesday of the Jordan appeals for international action to stop Israel's water plan

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan on West Bank town of Bethlehem. Wednesday appealed to international forums and organisations to intervene and stop Israel from implementing a plan to pump water from the occupied West

The appeal was issued by Occupied Territories Affairs Minister Marwan Dudin. In a statement carried by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Mr. Dudin pointed out that the Israeli plan was a flagrant violation of international conventions and U.N. resolutions. The government is in contact with the U.N. and other international organisations over the Israeli scheme, the minister

Under the Israeli plan, about 20 snillion cubic metres of water will be pumped every year from an area southeast of the occupied

defendants, four of them accused

members of the Abu Nidal orga-

nisation, in the 1985 murder of a

Jordanian diplomat, the semi-

official Antolia news agency re-

Six Palestinians, a Jordanian

embassy clerk and a Turk were

accused in connection with the

July 1985 murder of Jordanian

Embassy First Secretary Ziad

Sati. Two Palestinians, the

alleged gunman, Abdul Salam Al Haj, and the driver of the get-

away car, Hilmi Moussa, remain

at large and were tried in absen-

tia. The Jordanian embassy clerk,

Adnan Mousa Suleiman

Ammarin, was accused of plot-

ting the murder. He would have

faced the death penalty if con-

victed. In a separate case, Mr.

Ammarin was sentenced to 15

years in prison for spying for

Wednesday made the first public

claim to holding them and said

Syria and West Germany held the

The group, in a statement sent

to a Beirut newspaper, said it

wanted to swap a videotape of

one of the two hostages for a

videotape of Mohammad Ali

Hamadei, jailed in West Ger-

many on air piracy and murder

55, and Alfred Schmidt, 47, were

seized in west Beirut in January,

shortly after Mr. Hamadei's

case is linked to an active role by

"We stress the solution of this

Syria and includes an apology by ment said.

3 reportedly killed in

arrest in Frankfurt.

West Germans Rudolf Cordes.

key to their release.

New group claims holding 2

BEIRUT (Agencies) — The kidnappers of two West Germans on ment, signed by "The Freedom

Strugglers."

Schmidt.

Cordes' passport.

W. Germans in Lebanon

Syria, the agency reported.

.Most of the water so pumped will be used to cater Jewish settlements in the West Bank. The Israeli defence ministry has approved the plan, which West Bank mayors have said will deprive the Palestinian towns and villages around Bethlehem and the city itself of water.

Jordan has instructed its permanent representative at the U.N. to lodge a protest over the scheme with the world body saying the Kingdom reserved the. right to call for a Security Council meeting to discuss the issue.

Mr. Dudin said Wednesday that since 1967 Israel had been seizing water resources in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and imposing restrictions preventing Arabs from exploiting their water resources for agri-

ANKARA (Agencies) — A state security court has acquitted six Ahmad, Naif Al Nadi and Sami in the case said Wednesday he defendants, four of them accused Washah, also would have faced would appeal following the ac-

the death penalty if convicted on

Another Palestinian, Nader

charges of premeditated murder.

Haboush, and the Turk, Ali

Kent, were also acquitted on

charges of being accessories to

The defendants, who had been

Prosecutor Ulku Coskun

under arrest, denied the charges.

alleged in his indictment the four

Palestinians were members of the

Mr. Ammarin sat impassive in

court as the four students

embraced each other and cheered

when the acquittal was

The four were released

Wednesday but may not leave

Turkey and Mr. Ammarin, Mr.

Kent and Mr. Ramadan remain

The statement was accompa-

It did not say whether the

videotape would show Mr. Cordes, or the other West Ger-man held in Lebanon, Alfred

The 30-line statement was deli-

vered to the west Beirut office of

the independent newspaper An

"We shall present to the Ger-

man people and the families of

the hostages a videotape showing

one of the hostages in return for a

videotape showing holy fighter

Mohammad Hamadei," the state-

nied by a photocopy of Mr.

detained on other charges.

Court acquits Ammarin and 5 others in

Sati case but prosecutor wants to appeal

the killing.

Abu Nidal group.

cultural and drinking purposes. At the same time, Israel continued to explore for and supply water to Jewish settlements in the occupied territories, Mr. Dudin said pointing out that the settlements' consumption of water was double of that of the entire West Bank.

These Israeli measures are part of the Jewish state's schemes aimed at Judaising the occupied territories and evicting their legitimate owners by confiscating their land and building new settlements, the minister said.

The minister noted that although 720 water wells had been drilled before Israel's occupation of the West Bank in 1967, most Arab towns and villages in the now-occupied territory suffer from a relatively permanent shortage of water dur-

would appeal following the ac-

Nusret Demiral, chief prosecu-

tor at the state security court, told

Reuters his move would be based

on their confessions in pre-trial

testimony and evidence linking

The decision is expected to

The case, and a series of others

mean a retrial for the defendants.

with overlapping accusations, has

been the subject of controversy

because of conflicting, and some-

thing thin, evidence and charges

by the accused that they were

The security court originally

dropped Mr. Ammarin from the

Sati case on grounds of immunity

but later reversed the decision.

Jordan has reneatedly protested

to Turkey that it has no right to

tortured into confessing.

try Mr. Ammarin.

today in

Geneva

Mubarak,

Peres meet

GENEVA (Agencies) — Egyp-

tian President Hosni Mubarak

arrived Wednesday in Geneva

where he was to address a North-

South development conference and meet separately with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Mr. Mubarak did not make a

formal arrival statement. In

answer to one reporter's shouted

question, he confirmed that he

would meet Mr. Peres, but de-

In a private interview with

Egyptian Television, Mr. Mubar-

ak said his country would want any international Middle East

peace conference to be held in

Geneva, according to Egyptian government information official

Namdouh Al Beltagui, who

Mr. Mubarak, who arrived here from Belgrade, Yugoslavia,

was formally in Geneva to address the U.N. Conference on

Trade and Development, the

world's primary North-South

negotiating forum, on Friday.

The conference opens Thursday.

Mr. Peres and Mr. Mubarak

last met in Cairo in February and

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accompanied Mr. Mubarak.

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quittal of the detendants.

rary Israeli actions. The Israeli authorities have demolished 140 water pumps used by Arab farmers in the West Bank for irrigation purposes, the minister said.

Furthermore, he said, the occupation authorities have also destroyed irrigation canals and sealed off large areas of agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley and also blocked many irrigation projects in Nablus, Ramallah, Beit Sahour, Bethlehem, Hebron and Beit Jala in addition to drilling deep wells near Arab water resources and thus drying Arab

In the occupied Gaza Strip, Mr. Dudin said, 39 per cent of the inhabitants on the refugee camps there and 11 per cent of the houses in Gaza City do not have water supply.

Arab-Jewish group urges Middle East conference

NEW YORK (Agencies) - A group of prominent American Arab and Jews emerged Tuesday from five years of impublicised discussions to call for an international peace conference on the

Middle East. The executives, lawyers and academicians had "tried to exert what influence we could" behind the scenes, said lawyer Howard Squadron, former head of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organisa-

Mr. Squadron said developments — including Israeli talks with Soviet officials, evidence of a Palestinian interest in peace talks, and movement in that direction by Jordan - led the ad hoc group to go public.
"I think the window of oppor-

tunity is a narrow one. It is closing," said former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, the only member of the group who is not of Jewish or Arab descent.

The group also supported what retired businessman Albert Tahmoush called a "mini-Marshall plan" for the West Bank and Gaza Strip, inviting the United States, Japan and Western Europe to join in economic development programmes.

The group, which includes Na-jeeb Halaby, the father of Her Majesty Queen Noor and Reagan administration trouble-shooter Philip Habib, is known as the Businessman's Group for Middle East Peace and Development.

Mr. Vance said the group has for five years worked behind the scenes to promote economic growth and peace in the Middle

Mr. Vance said the group is in favour of U.S. funding of economic development programmes in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and in favour of renewed American efforts to promote peace talks. Their proposals are being for-

warded to U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz.

Mr. Vance said the group was unique because it is made of American businessmen and women of both Arab and Jewish heritage.

He emphasised the group does not propose solutions for any of the disputed issues in the Middle

Crown Prince opens Islamic panel on water resources management

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan said on Wednesday that joint Islamic work, especially in the field of information gathering, was one of the most important objectives Jordan sought to achieve, and the goal was vital for the Islamic World's development.

In his speech to the constituent assembly meeting of the Inter-Islamic Network on Water Resources Development and Management, which is attached to the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), Prince Hassan said the exchange of information, par-ticularly in the fields of natural resources, science and technology, has remained very limited.

However, he added, there have been contacts with officials concerned in the Muslim countries to promote and encourage such exchange of information. The Crown Prince's speech was read out by Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Hisham Al

Addressing participants in the two-day meeting which started here on Wednesday, Prince Hassan said that a standing commitset up in 1983 and also attached to the OIC, has been working to The information centre will coor- Qatar, Mali and Jordan.



promote Islamic cooperation in the fields of natural resources, science and technology.

Prince Hassan also said that holding this meeting in Amman and selecting Jordan as a head-quarter for the Islamic centre on management of water resources allows Jordan to use its experience which it has acquired over the years.

The Crown Prince said that, in addition to the water resources tion centre has been established in Amman to collect and dissemi-

dinate the information gathered by Arabsat, a satellite funded by Arab countries The idea for such a central

information gathering centre was first broached at the 10th annual meeting of the Islamic Develop-ment Bank's (IDB) board of governors held in Amman last year. The Crown Prince expressed

his satisfaction at the implementation of the Inter-Islamic Network on Water Resources Development and Management. and voiced confidence that the water resources centre, which will also be based in Amman, would coordinate directly with the Islamic information centre.

Addressing the meeting, President of the Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ) Mohammad Saleh Keilani welcomed participants and described the Islamic water network as the outcome of the fruitful efforts of Prince Hassan and other dedicated people in the Muslim world.

The conferees will discuss the structure and financing of water network, a new Islamic informa- networks, in addition to studies on ground water resources.

Taking part in the meeting are tee for science and technology, nate information on commerce, representatives of Egypt, Nigerfinance, science, and technology. ia, Morocco. Pakistan, Tunisia,

JVA and WAJ presidents resign

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Cabinet on Wednesday accepted the resignations of Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) President Munther Haddadin and Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ) President Mohammad Keilani, the Jordan

News Agency, Petra, said. Petra did not give any details, but the Associated Press quoted Dr. Haddadin as saying the resignations were "just a matter of reorganisation in the administra-

AP said Dr. Haddadin noted that a recent administrative study had recommended the creation of a maistry of irrigation and water tt nify water resources manage-





North: Israelis initiated and Casey and Poindexter approved funds diversion WASHINGTON (Agencies) —

Fired White House aide Oliver North said Wednesday that he believed Israel's intelligence services had initiated the idea of diverting profits from Irenian arms sales to Nicaraguan rebels. Lieutenant-Colonel North also told the Joint House of Representatives and Senate hearings on the Iran-contra scandal that former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director William Casey and former National Security Adviser Vice-Admiral John Poindexter also approved the

Col. North denied that President Ronald Reagan said he did not want to know — officially that money from covert arms sales to Iran was being funnelled to the contras. "I don't recall the conversation

that way," Col. North said in reply to questions about a Nov. 25 phone call from Mr. Reagan, who had just fired him from the National Security Council (NSC)

Testifying on the second day of his appearance before the Irancontra committee, Col. North said the idea of diverting funds to the contras was first proposed to him by Iranian middleman Manucher Ghorbanifar in late

"I had been told by the Central Intelligence Agency, by Director

Casey himself and by others in the CIA, that they believed Mr. Ghorbanifar to be an Israeli in-telligence agent," Col. North The marine officer said he met with Mr. Ghorbanifar — either in

London or Frankfurt — in the presence of Amiram Nir, adviser to then-Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres. . Col. North recounted that Mr.

Ghorbanifar and Mr. Nir were seeking to persuade the United States to continue selling arms to Iran in order to win the release of American hostages held in Lebanon and gain access to "pragmatists" in the Iranian lead-

Col. North said he was reluctant to proceed with the project, which was begun with three Israeli arms shipments to Iran in 1985, because he did not believe the sales would achieve the desired objectives. Instead, Col. North said, he was seeking a high-level meeting with Iranian government officials.

far, who was making thousands of dollars as a middleman in the deal, took him into the bathroom

and offered him several incentives for continuing the deal. "The most attractive incentive," Col. North said, was to

divert profits from the Iran sales to the contras. Mr. Ghorbanifar knew from press reports of Col. North's commitment to the contra cause, Col. North said. Mr. Ghorbanifar made his proposal "point blank, and he made it, by my understanding,

with the full knowledge and acquiesence and support, if not the original idea, of the Israeli intelligence services, if not the Israeli government," Col. North said.

Israel has strenuously denied past suggestions that Mr. Nir or other Israelis initiated the diversion idea. On the involvement of Adm.

Poindexter and Mr. Casey, who died in May, Col. North said: "The decision was made that residuals from those transactions (Iran arms sales) would be applied to support the Nicaraguan resistance with the authority that I got from Admiral Poindexter with the concurrence of William J. Casey.

overnment officials.

Congressional legislators have long suspected that Mr. Casey, who died from a brain tumour.

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France,

Fan still

deadlocked

over Iranian

LONDON (R) - France and

Tran were deadlocked Wednes-

day in a week-old row over an

Iranian embassy employee

U.S. signals intention to remain on Gulf patrol

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. officials say President Resean is unlikely to withdraw U.S. navy ships fromthe Guif or give up his plan to protect Kuwaiti oil tankers despite fresh pressure from Congress and

A statement by Defence Department spokesman Bob Sims to eporters Tuesday appeared to reject an offer by Moscow to withdraw Soviet naval forces from the troubled waterway if the United States, Britain and France cid ≥o nrst.

the has been our policy to maintain a Middle East force in the Gulf to show American interest in the region and protect American interests," Sims told reporters. "I don't know of any reason to change that policy.

He said U.S. warships had been in the Gulf for 40 years. "I don't think our reaction will be any different than it has been in the past" to Soviet calls for with-

Later, a State Department official said there would be no change in U.S. plans to protect Kawaiti tankers, rejecting a congressman's assertion that Kuwait had suddenly changed the programme in a way that might require despatch of more U.S. warships to the Gulf.

Representative Les Aspin, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said after an inspection trip to Kuwait that that country now plans to have six or more tankers shuttle its oil to a point outside the Gulf for other

As a result, the Wisconsin Democrat said at a news conference, U.S. warships will have to protect up to 100 per cent of Kuwaiti oil as it is shuttled out of the Gulf rather than the 35 per cent carried by the 11 Kuwaiti tankers Mr. Reagan agreed to

But the State Department official, who did not want to be identified, told Reuters, "We've heard what he said but we don't have the same problem with the

The United States is building its naval task force in the Gulf from seven to 10 ships and a congressional study released Tuesday criticised Mr. Reagan's plan for the ships to protect 11 Kuwaiti tankers from Iranian attack in the Iran-Iraq war.

Instead, the study urged Mr. Reagan to press for a U.N. peace-keeping force in the troubled area.

Iran hit three ships associated with Kuwait in the last week of June and its chief war spokesman said in a speech reported Tuesday that the United States would face humiliation if it went ahead with plans this month to reflag and

protect Kuwaiti tankers. Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, speaker of the Iranian par-

to U.S. firm If Washington went ahead and if the ships continued to be attacked, the Iranian News Agency IRNA reported Mr. Rafsanjani as saying on Monday, it would result in humiliation for

the United States. The tanker study by the congressional arms control and foreign policy caucus said a U.N. force in the Gulf would better help Washington achieve a key goal — minimising the Soviet presence in the strategic

The operation to put the American flag on the Kuwaiti ships and have U.S. forces protect them — expected to begin by mid-July — has been met with strong opposition by U.S. legisla-tors who fear the United States could be dragged into the nearly

seven-year Iran-Iraq war. "Instead of seizing a unique opportunity for creative diplomaand multilateral cooperation, the administration is demonstrating its clear preference for the role of regional sheriff," Senator Mark Hatfield, an Oregon Republican who heads the caucus, said in a statement attached to

the study.

Meanwhile a Kuwaiti supertanker was anchored near the mouth of the Gulf Wednesday, awaiting the go-ahead to shuttle. crude oil under the U.S. flag in the dangerous waterway, Gulf

shipping sources said. U.S. Coast Guard officials were inspecting the 401,382-tonne Al Rekkah off Fujairah just liament, said the flag change was outside the Strait of Hormuz.

World Court makes largest award ever

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The Iran-U.S. claims tribunal has awarded \$115 million — its largest award yet — to an American oil-drilling firm that had sued the Iranian government for expropriation of its drilling

The tribunal awarded \$68.5 million plus interest to the Houston, Texas-based Sedco, Inc., which had sued the Iranian government and the government-owned National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) for financial damiges resulting from expropriation of its oil rigs and warehouse stock during and after the 1979 Iranian

Sedco has since merged into the French-owned Schlumberger Technology Corp.

Interest due on the award, dating from varying expropriation dates in 1979-81, is estimated at \$46-47 million, according to an American source at the tribunal who spoke in exchange for

Iranian arbitrator Parviz Ansari, one of three arbitrators in the case, refused to sign the award, claiming it was biased in favour of the United States.

Soviet plane lands in Iran

NICOSIA (AP) - A Soviet plane carrying 10 to 15 military men landed at Zabol airport on Iran's eastern border with Afghanistan, Iranian news media re-

ported Wednesday.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) said Iranian officials were investigating the incident, which took place Tuesday.

The agency identified the plane as Soviet and provided the numpers of military men aboard, but gave no further details.

State-run Tehran Radio said earlier that "an unidentified plane with a number of armed occupants and ammunition landed at Zabol airport yesterday. Neither the radio nor the agen-

rockets, grenades and machineguns in the Pakistani city cy gave the type of plane. of Karachi, witnesses said. The government of Ayatollah The exiles fired back and killed Ruhollah Khomeini supports one of the attackers, police said. Afghan guerrillas. One of the wounded was a

Washington complains to Israel about treatment of visiting Arab-Americans

TEL AVIV (R) - The United States has complained to Israel about the treatment of Americans of Arab origin arriving to cerned on a world-wide basis visit relatives in the occupied about equality in treatment for West Bank, diplomatic sources U.S. citizens and the Israeli govsaid Wednesday.

The complaint was made for the second year running after several dozen Palestinian-Americans reported harassment by Israeli officials at Lod airport, the sources said.

The travellers reported their U.S. passports were held and they were required to post bonds of several thousand dollars to guarantee they did not overstay, the sources said.

VIENNA (R) — Hungary aims to establish partial diplomatic links with Israel along the lines of

low-level ties already existing be-

tween Israel and Poland, a senior

official Hungarian source said

But the Foreign Ministry in Budapest declined comment on

an Israel state radio report that a

senior Israeli official had

travelled to Vienna for talks with

plomatic ties, cut during the 1967

The Israeli Foreign Ministry

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel's parliament Wednesday rejected by a vote of 69 to 40 a right-wing

attempt to seek amnesty for Jew-

ish terrorists convicted of killing

and wounding Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

A total of 28 members of a

terrorist group made up of Jewish

settlers from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip were con-

victed in 1985 for anti-Arab

They were held responsible for killing three Palestinian students

KARACHI (R) — A man was

killed and about 10 others were

injured Wednesday when Iranian

exiles came under attack from

attacks.

Hungarian envoys on resuming di-

Wednesday.

Middle East war.

The U.S. embassy declined to confirm the reports but an American diplomat said: "We are conernment is aware of our posi-

Israeli officials said the United States was in contact with Israel on the subject but no official protest had been received.

Tuesday confirmed that its depu-

ty Director-General Yeshavahu

Anug was in the Austrian capital

The Hungarian source, con-

tacted by telephone from Vienna,

said Budapest envisaged setting up diplomatic interest missions simi-

lar to those opened in Warsaw

and Tel Aviv last year. But he

gave no indication of when such

role in a general revival of con-

tacts between East Europe states

and Israel in the last year. It has

in a 1982 attack on the Islamic

College in the West Bank town of

Hebron and maiming two Palesti-

nian mayors in a 1980 bombing.

Members of the group were also found guilty of plotting to blow up the Dome of the Rock

All but eight members of the

underground have since been

freed after serving their sentence

or having it reduced by President

mir, who once called the terror-

policeman who tried to stop the

attackers escaping by shooting

the tyres of their car and was hit

by automatic weapons fire, the

Four bungalows belonging to

the "National Liberation Army

of Iran" in the smart defence

bousing society suburb were par-

tially destroyed in the early morn-

23:00 Bangkok (RJ) 02:30 Dubai, Abu Dhabi (RJ)

OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)

Frankfurt (LH)
Cairo, Lendon (BA)
Demascus, Paris (AF)

Beirut (ME)
Bucharest (RO)
Tripoli (LN)

Bahrain, Doha (GF)
Knwait (KU)

Prime Minister Yitzhak Sha-

Knesset rejects amnesty for Jewish terrorists

Mosque in Jerusalem.

Chaim Herzog.

Iranian exiles attacked in Karachi; 1 killed

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Hungary has played a leading

an accord might be reached.

but declined further comment.

During a similar controversy last summer, Israeli officials said special measures were needed because many Palestinians who emigrated to the United States and had taken U.S. citizenship were returning on tourist visas and remaining without valid docu-Hungary wants low-level ties with Israel

Local Palestinian leaders have

expressed outrage at the Israeli action. They say Israeli authorities have no right to ban Palestinians from occupied Arab territories where they were born while at the same time encouraging foreign-born Jews to settle there. U.S. authorities believe about

7,000 Americans of Arab origin reside on the West Bank. No figure is available for those with Israeli-issued residence permits. The president of the U.S.-

based Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee, Abdeen Jabara, is visiting the area to investigate complaints by Arab-Americans.

active trade links with Israel and

in recent months Budapest has

played host to a number of Jewish

Western diplomats said

Budapest was determined to keep

its contacts with Israel discreet at

the moment to avoid damaging

relations with the Arab Work.

All East Bloc states except

Romania cut ties with Israel dur-

ing the Arab-Israeli war 20 years

ists "misguided good boys. voted for the amnesty along with hardline Industry Minister Ariel

against the proposal or grounds

that only Israel's president has

group, had threatened to pull out

of the government if the amnest;

The attackers fired indiscrimi-

nately and burled petroi bombs,

damaging four cars and a

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wanted for questioning in Paris. with each side saying the other should resolve the dispute to aven an escalation. The Iranian embassy in Paris end the French embassy in Tehran have now been cordoned off for eight days, with police in

capital checking who comes and Vahid Gordji, listed as an embassy interpreter but believed by French officials to be a senior intelligence agent, has sought refuge in the Paris embassy to avoid a summons from a magistrate organisations including the first conference in the East Bloc of the

investigating a wave of bombing that killed 12 people last year.

France say: Gordji does no: have diplomatic status, and will have to appear before counterterrorism specialist Judge Gilles Bouleuque. "It is out of the question for Gerdji to avoid testifying..." French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac sold Le Monde newspager in an interview pub-

lished Tuesday. Iran says Gordji bas diplomatic immunity and is under no obligation to tesú? under the Vienna convention on diplomatic reixtions. "Any kind of judicial action against Gordji is contrary to the contents of the convention." said an Iranian Foreign Ministry spekesman who described Gordii

But many right-wingers voted as a diplomat. The spokesman, quoted by the Iranian News Agency IRNA, said Tuesday that the Foreign Minis-Foreign Minister Shimon try reserved the right to take counter-measures if the "prob-Peres' Labour Party, which views the terrorists as a dangerous lesis are not eliquinated."

Mr. Chirac told Le Monde it was up to Iran to act to resolve the crisis and said France might break off diplomatic ties with e.vien. He said the French police

stake-out of the Franian embassy was justified by the need to question Contil but there was no reason for frankan police to surround the French embassy.

Iran initially blockaded the French emposer in retaliation for the policy is tration outside its Paris embassy, but later eased the i siege.

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Mahdi to use Iran links for peace moves

KUWAIT (AP) - Sudanese Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi has pledged to make use of his links with Iran to help bring about an end to the Gulf war. However, Mr. Mahdi also strongly supported Kuwait's chartering of Soviet-Bag tankers and its endeavours to put its tankers under the U.S. flag.

"Sudan rejects the Iran-Iraq war, its continuation and expansion as it rejects threats against any Arab party in the Gulf," Mr. Mahdi told a press conference on the second day of his visit to this Gulf Arab state.

its links in the quest of bringing an end to the war," he said. "We will do our utmost toward this end until we reach the point of despair.'

Mr. Mahdi, who has longstanding friends in the government of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in Iran, said that he achieved "positive results" in a mediation bid he launched last year by visiting both Tehran and

But regrettably the attempt elaborating. "Our attempts will continue

was aborted," he added, without

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keen on halting the shedding of Muslim blood and preventing the expansion of the conflict.

Mr. Mahdi travelled to Kuwait from Iraq, where he was quoted Tuesday as expressing regret over continuation of the Gulf war. 'As an Arab and Muslim I have a special interest to see it

Joumhuriya. In Kuwait, Mr. Mahdi supported Kuwait's move to protect its shipping against Iranian attacks by reflagging 11 tankers in the United States and chartering

halted," he was quoted as saying by the Baghdad newspaper Al

three from the Soviet Union. WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

TODAY'S EVENTS

An art exhibition by Omar Bssoul at the Housing Bank Centre's gallery (until July 18).

* French archaeological exhibition at French Cultural Centre runs through * An exhibition of paintings by Janset Shami at the Petra Bank Gallery (until July 9)

A photographic exhibition by Zohrab entitled "Panoramas of Jordan" at the Royal Cultural Centre (until July 12). FEATURE FILM

* Revolution" at 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the American Centre.

JERASH FESTIVAL (July 8-31)

Thursday 9/7/87

South Theatre:
7-8 — Fuhais Sing Group
9-11 — London City Ballet

* Sound at Light: 8-9 — Children's Play Ammo Amin 9:30-10:30 — Jordanian Folk Troupe * Artemis Steps: 8-10 — U.S. Young Str. & Jordan N.M.C. Students

Forum:
 6-7 — Jordan Armed Forces Band
 7:30-9 — Local Folk Groups
 9-11 — China Acrobatic Troupe

Friday 19/7/87

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 8-9 — Children's Play Ammo Amin
 9:30-10:30 — Radio Jordan Music &

* * Artemis Steps: 8-9 — U.S. Jordan Mus. Ass. Children Orchestra Orchestra 9:30-11 — Polish Puppet Theatre

6-7 — Jordan Armed Forces Band 7:30-9 — Local Folk Groups 9-11 — China Acrobatic Troupe **CULTURAL CENTRES**

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Philodelphia Rotary Cab. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn. 1:30 p.m.
Rotary Clab. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2:00 p.m.

P.m. CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic)
Jabal Amman, Tel. 624590.
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Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeh, Tel.
637440.

De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic)

FOR THE TRAVELLER QUEEN ALIA 21:15 22-30 Kuala Lumpur, Singapore (RJ)

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20:30 A programme on the West Bank

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> The Deceivers The Blues
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Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757.
Terrasanta Church (Roman Catholic),
Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Sahurday at 5:30 p.m. Tel: 622366
Church of the Amusuciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali, Tel. 623341.
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Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh, Tel. 771331.

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Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh, Tel. 775261.

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Fayez holds talks with Syrian counterpart

DAMASCUS (Petra) — Official talks between Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament Akef Al Fayez and his Syrian counterpart Mahmond Al Zu'bi started here on Wednesday.

The talks centred on encouraging cooperation in the parliamenpary field to better serve the interests of objectives of Syria, Jordan, and the whole Arab na-

Killer still

on Monday during a robbery.

In its endeavours and intensive

search, the Public Security Department (PSD) has circulated

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sketch of the killer, who fled with

helps arrest the assailant.

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They also discussed the role of

thening Arab solidarity. Both Mr. Fayez and Mr. Zubi

stressed during their meeting the need to intensify efforts and to mobilise Arab resources to unify the Arab ranks.

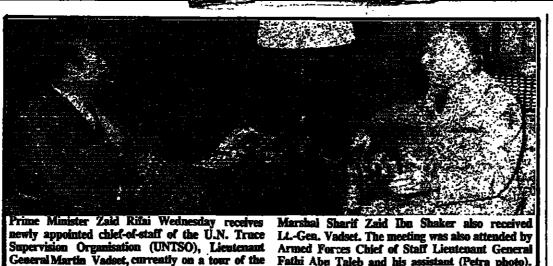
Mr. Favez left Amman Wednesday at the head of a Jordanian parliamentary delega-tion on a several day official visit to Syria in response to an invita-tion extended by Mr. Zu'bi.

Arbitration law to be amended

AMMAN (J.T.) — Public Secur-AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai has decided at the ity authorities are continuing an intensive search for the robber recommendation of the Econoand killer of the 22-year-old businessman, Muhieddeen mic Consultative Council, to form a special committee, under the chairmanship of Justice Minister Riyad Al Shaka'a, to Mr. Basheti was shot to death propose amendments to the

arbitration law currently in force. Such amendments have become necessary to cope with the various developments in various

JD 100,000, to shops, banks, The newly formed committee comprises director of the Central groceries, taxi offices, and institu-Tenders Committee, Ministry of Industry and Trade's companies tions to identify and arrest the censor, president of the Jorda-nian Bar Association, president of the Jordanian Contractors Owner of the Hijjawi Corporation, Taha Mahmoud Al Hijjawi, called the Arabic daily newspaper Al Ra'i on Tuesday saying that he will give a reward of JD 1,000 and Association, president of the Jordanian Engineers Association, chairman of Amman chambers of a valuable watch to anybody who commerce and industry.



King, Queen receive U.S. group

By Peter Baratta ecial to the Jordan Times

region. Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field

AMMAN — Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor Wednesday met with a group of U.S. students and professors who are visiting Jordan as members of the Petra Programme, designed to give Americans the chance to experience firsthand Arabic cul-

ture and traditions. After meeting with the King and Queen, the group travelled to Jerash for the opening of the 6th annual Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts.

The Petra Programme, sponsored by the Arab Cultural Association, was created three years ago specifically to offer American high school students of Arab origin the chance to travel to their

coordinator of the programme. The programme has since expanded and now invites any American student who wishes to learn more about Arab culture and the Middle East, she said. This is the first year U.S. professors have been invited to par-

Although the entire group is under the auspices of the Petra Programme, the students are part of the Malcolm H. Kerr High School Scholars Programme, sponsored by the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations, an organisation based in Washing-

ticipate in the programme, Mrs. Abu Odeh added.

ton, D.C. Established in memorium of Dr. Kerr, the president of the

native land and rediscover their. American University of Beirut roots, said Khawla Abu Odeh, who was killed in 1984, the programme allows students from across the U.S. to study in an Arab country.

Fathi Abn Taleb and his assistant (Petra photo).

The professors are members of the Joseph J. Malone Faculty Fellows Programme, also sponsored by the National Council. The group is currently staying at the Ammon Hotel where they will learn how to prepare Arabic food from the hotel's restaurant

During their stay, the students will learn basic Arabic, study the political, social and economic issues of Jordan and the Arab World, visit historical sites and participate in cultural activities. including depka - traditional Arabic folklore dancing, she said.

management section, Mrs. Abu

Jordan is committed to peace, **Dudin tells Baptist conference**

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin said on Wednesday that Jordan, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hussein, is committed to establishing peace, in accordance with United Nations resolutions, through an international peace conference under the U.N.

Mr. Dudin, who was addres- River has become the symbol for sing the opening session of the annual conference of the Baptist World Alliance on behalf of Prime Minister Zaid Al Rifai, said Jordan has gone far in its efforts to convene an international peace conference and that many countries, including the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, the European Community, and non-aligned

countries support the conference Mr. Dudin also said the Jordan

the unity of the East and West Banks of Jordan, adding that Jordan does not accept literal interpretations of religious texts' in order to promote political

Mr. Dudin pointed out that religion and religious interpretations by certain sects have become sources of discord. The impact of such interpretations was evident in Palestine. Such issues as those relevant to war

and peace and the role of religion in politics have direct impact on people's daily lives, he said.

Mr. Dudin added that Jesus Christ had his own method for advocating a peaceful life without resorting to military might. "He came with a message for peace and taught us how to live peacefully, as does Islam." he s.id.

Mr. Dudin called for elimits to establish a just and durable peace in Jerusalem and said friends of Israel should encourage it to accept and respond to the calls of

President of the Baptist alliance, Noil Foss, expressed deep appreciation to Jordan for hosting the conference and for His Majesty King Hussein, who, Mr. Foss said, enjoyed an international reputation as a peace-

NRWA's funders reaffirm support

AMMAN (J.T.) — The United and countries playing host to faces its future without an answer nations Relief and Works Agenmore than 2 million Palestine to basic questions regarding its by members of a special conference held in Vienna on July 6 and to review financial plans and programmes, according to an

low figure was attributed to the fact that the opening ceremony

One Fernchman who spoke to

was for invitees only.

cy for Palestine Refugees in the refugees was characterised by its fundamental rights and continues hear East's (UNRWA) huminformality and constructive to look to UNRWA for assistnitarian and political role in the Middle East has been reaffirmed Commissioner-General Giorgio UN Giacomelli.

"Too much time has passed without a resolution of problems that ensued from the 1948 Middle East war," Mr. Giacomelli told The two-day gathering of UN- the gathering. "This means that ary of Ministry of RWA's main financial backers another generation of refugees ritories Affairs.

UNRWA needs funds to discharge its commitments and not to be obliged to implement programmes in a piecemeal manner as contributions come in, said Mr. Ahmed Qatanani, Under Secretary of Ministry of Occupied Ter-

the Jordan Times said he stayed in al to be very lively and the Jorda-

Jordan this year for the sole mians to be very welcoming," he

purpose of attending the Jerash Festival. "I have found the festival in France."



"Drink Badralbondour, drink!" commands the evil magician (Alan Weeks) as the princess (Anny De Grange) tries to avoid drinking the poisoned wine. This nerve-wracking scene is part of the musical play, "Aladdin," written and performed

specially for the Jerash Festival by the Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts troupe. The play will be held Friday, July 10, and Saturday, July 11, in South Theatre at 9:00 p.us. (Photo by

Aladdin stages its world premiere

and ESIPA expressed their de-

light at returning by writing Alad-

din especially for the occasion.

With music by Dennis Buck

By Meg Abu Hamdan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Performing a musical written especially for this year's Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts is the Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts (ESI-PA). The musical is "Aladdin" and its world premiers can be seen Friday and Saturday, July 10 and 11 at the South Theatre at 9 p.m.

Based on the Arab literary classic, "A Thousand and One Nights," ESIPA's playwright Elisabeth Ruthman has spun a new tale where audiences journey with Aladdin to rescue Princess Badralbondour and save his own life in a battle against the supernatural powers of an evil magi-

Along the way are many surprises — sorcerer's flames flare from a mountaintop, bats dance and enchanted caverns overflow with shining treasure.

This is ESIPA's second visit to

their superb version of "Sleeping Beauty" to enchanted Jerash au-diences. The warm reception they' Broadway." recently played in the long run-ning off Broadway hit "Forbidden Broadway." received prompted the American centre to invite them back again

Princess Badralboudour, daughter of the Sultan and Aladdin's love will be played by Anny De Grange, whose Broadway experience includes the role of the mistress in "Evita" and a part in the musical "Raggedy Ann" which originated at ESIPA.

and choreography by Patrice Soriero who has also written the choreography for the Broadway production of "Stardust" among The "throughly nefarious nemesis" of Aladdin and Badralmuch else, and directed by Peter bondour, the magician will be played by Alan Weeks whose Webb, Aladdin has been suffiextensive Broadway credits inciently successful in its May preclude "Ain't Misbehaving," "Oh, Brother," "The Wiz" and view at the Egg in Albany, New York to inspire the critic of The "Joseph and the Amazing Tech-Chronicle to write: "ESIPA's Aladdin is a pure little gem of nicolour Dreamcoat." Among his theatre, complete with eye pop-ping spectacle, singing, dancing, laughs, love and dastardly black screen credits is the film "French Connection" and on the television he starred as Leroy's father in "Fame."

Other leading roles in the pro-Thr leading role of Aladdin will be played by Ron Bohmer who is duction will be performed by working with ESIPA for the first member's of ESIPA's resident

Sixth Jerash Festival of Culture (Continued from page 1)

Romantic tragedy "Giselle" while the Young Strings in Action played music at the Artemis Steps. A children's play, "Ammo Amin," was staged at the Sound and Light Theatre and local folklore troupes performed at the

In the next 23 days, troupes attending the festival will alternate among the various specially set-up stages for their performances. The festival committee charges varying admission charges for shows inside the special auditoriums, but some of the artists will also go on the stage at the Forum where there is no

of the special shows automatically entitles the holder to free entry. According to festival officials, all arrangements have been made to provide various services. including food and beverages, with-in the festival grounds. The road between Amman and Jerash are .regularly manned by traffic police and there are two parking lots in Jerash which could take over 5.000 cars.

entry fee of JD 1. A ticket to any

The estimated attendance on admission charge except the main Wednesday was 2,000 and the

North: Israelis initiated contra deal

(Continued from page 1) may have known of the diversion but Col. North's testimony was the first confirmation.

Col. North, breaking a sevenmonth silence on the affair in which he was a pivotal figure, repeated his testimony on Tuesday that he believed Mr. Reagan did not know of the possibly illegal diversion.

Mr. Reagan, 76, and Mr.

thereafter. Mr. Casey, a World War II secret agent, died after giving preliminary testimony to congressional committees on the Irancontra affair — evidence now increasingly questioned as possibly misleading and false — and ore the special select committees now sitting were formed.

In testimony before he died Mr. Casey flatly denied he or the Casey were close friends. Mr. CIA had anything to do with the Casey managed Mr. Reagan's fund diversion until a few days 1980 presidential campaign and before it became public last

enjoyed access to the president November.

(Continued from page 1) issued a joint statement calling for a peace conference this year

on the Arab-Israeli conflict. In Belgrade, the official Tanjug news agency quoted Mr. Mubarak as saying that Egypt would intensify its contacts over the next few weeks with all parties involved in the Middle East conflict to sound out their views prior to the conference.

Massive security ringed Geneva's Cointrin airport when Mr. Mubarak and his entourage, including Foreign Minister Ahmad Esmat Abdul Meguid and Economy Minister Youssri Mustapha, arrived.

Mr. Mubarak and Mr. Peres are expected to hold talks at a Geneva hotel on Thursday, although there was no official confirmation on the time from either side.

David Danieli, spokesman for the Israeli diplomatic mission in Geneva, told Reuters: "It is probable the meeting would take place tomorrow."

Mr. Peres, whose Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir opposes a Middle East conference, is to meet U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who will also arrive on Thursday.

Richard Murphy, a U.S. assistant secretary of state, has remained in Geneva after two days of talks with Vladimir Polyakov, head of the Soviet Foreign Minis-

Mubarak meets Peres today try's Middle East section.

A joint U.S.-Soviet statement issued Tuesday night said that Mr. Murphy and Mr. Polyakov had discussed prospects for a Middle East peace conference, and the Iran-Iraq war.

A Middle East peace conference has been discussed at the United Nations and in various capitals for several months, but most parties agree that numerous issues remain to be resolved before such a meeting could take

Mr. Peres said Tuesday he has given up attempts to convince Mr. Shamir that Israel should participate in the proposed con-

Mr. Peres also accused Soviet leaders of not being forthright about their position on the nature of such a conference. Mr. Peres said it was too late to

try and win a majority in Israel's coalition government for the peace proposal. "We apparently reached a

point of real disagreement," Mr. Peres told a semmar on political leadership sponsored by Georgetown University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. "As a democratic country, we

shall have to refer this issue to the people," Mr. Peres said. Mr. Peres sharply criticised the Soviet Union for not defining its position on the role of the conference.

A Jordanian athlete lights the torch to begin the 6th Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts on Wednesday evening (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan).

Jordan. In 1983 they performed time. In New York, he most company. Jerash Festival — Schedule for July 9-15 Sund. 12/7 Sec. 11/7 Frid. 10/7

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Dual nationality works

THE adoption on Tuesday of a law by the Lower House of Parliament allowing Jordanians to enjoy dual citizenship is a timely and positive step for Jordan. With hundreds of thousands of Jordanians having studied and worked abroad, granting them an opportunity new to participate in the general development of their motherland can only boost the economy and general welfere of Jordan and help reverse the brain-drain phenomenon which has affiicted all developing countries.

Even developed countries have opted for the dual citizenship formula to assure a durable linkage with their expatriates. In the Arab World, Lebanon was the first country to recognise the importance of maintaining ties with its expatriates who have gone in search of opportunities. Egypt followed suit when it discovered that the cream of its highly educated people had emigrated to either Canada or the United States or Australia and that the best way to lure back their skills and sophisticated know-how was to allow them to retain their Egyptian citizenship in addition to keeping their newly acquired

We in Jordan, as elsewhere where dual citizenship has been legalised, should not be unduly workied about a conflict in loyalty or allegiance in this respect. Citizenship certificates are like marriage certificates: by themselves they do not guarantee faithful or durable relationships. It takes more than legal formalities to assure bond fide relationships between man and state. With sufficient supplementary legislation to avoid any possible abuse of dual efficenship rights, we should not be unduly fearful of the consequences of this latest courageous and bold decision by the government of Jordan. On the contrary, we have every cause to be gradified that the bonds with our expatriates can be resticulished. Our compatriols can do as no harm. Rather, they can contribute their high degree of sophistication in the intellectual, mechanical, or technological fields to make this country even more advanced and

We can only congretulate our government as well as ourselves for this latest initiative by our policy makers. It is now up to our expainintes to reciprocate this generous offer by Jordan and Jordanians by reestabilishing their contacts and linkage with their motherland on all levels and in all fields. We shall expect more and more of them to visit their homeland and invest their know-how and capital in the development schemes of this magnificent country of ours. Some of them had in fact participated in the annual expetriate conference which were convened in Amman over the past three years. Many of their concerns and aspirations as expressed in these conferences were duly noted and acted upon. With more dialogue between them and us in formal or informal meetings, all of us stand to

<u>ARADIC FRESS EDIFORIALS</u>

Al Ra'i: Israel's grand designs

THE Israeli plan to seize ground water resources in the occupied West Bank stresses anew that Israel's strategy is aimed at swallowing the Arab land in broad daylight. The recent Israeli measures to steal Arab waters come to refute the israeli allegations and claims of its interest in achieving peace. Such allegations are no more than a cast of dust in the eyes. Israel's daily practices in the occupied Arab territories bear witness to the evil israeli intentions of confiscating the land and dismissing its owners. It is within this context that Jordan recently lodged a complaint with the United Nations, alerting the international body to the gravity of these practices and reminding the whole world that such action is in violation of all international rules and norms. Therefore, the international community is asked to embark on an action to deter israel from proceeding ahead with its plans to seize water resources. The international community should always remember that the road to reacc is not only inrough the convocation of an international peace conference, but at the same time, through the serious efforts and endeavours to press Israel to abandon its expansionist policy and to remove all the obstacles it has placed on the road to peace. Israel's plans and measures, designed to change the demographic and topographic situation of the West Bank, pose a serious threat to international peace and security and hinders the implementation of all peaceful efforts and initiatives. These measures strengthen the conviction that Israel clings and will cling to its dream of seizing the Arab land. This situation gives the Arabs no choice, but to build their own military power, which is capable of halting the Israeli plans.

Al Dustour: Hopes on the seven

AT a time when the seven-member Arab committee, formed by the Arab League to find a solution to the Iran-Iraq war, resumed its mission on Tuesday, by a visit to Britain to discuss means of finding a solution to the destructive war, the battlefield is witnessing military escalations and political developments which could be the most senous in terms of bloodshed and exhaustion of tremendous powers and capacities. The most serious thing in the current crisis is the conflicting stands of both Washington and the Soviet Union over the massing of warships in the Cult waters. This naval buildup demonstrates the ill-harboured intentions of both countries, since their exchange of accusations has come at a very delicate time. The two superpowers are sen ing their interests rather than contributing to finding a solution and thus enabling from to exploit the inflammable situation for its own interest. It is therefore hoped that the seven-member Arch committee and grab the initiative anew and capitalise on the current more to restore international consensus.

Sawt Al Shaab: Dangerous turns

DESPITE the sincere efforts made by the United Nations to put an end to the ongoing fran-fraq war, such efforts will always remain erippled as long as the tension in the Gulf region is continuing and the U.S. and Soviet warships sailing in the Gulf waters. The American and Soviet concepts on the Guit was converge at one point, but cross at many points, and hence, they have many dangerous dimensions which further aggravate the utuation. The intransigent Iranian stand. based on the rejection of all peaceful initiatives and calls, is to be blamed for the escalation of military actions in the Gulf region. The Iranian regime, which sustained big losses, has attempted to involve the superpowers in the war in a bid to fish in the troubled waters. The Iranian position should prompt Arabs to crystallise, as early as possible, a pan-Arab stand before Arabs lose their ability to take the initiative in the Gulf region or elsewhere.

Soviets gain where Americans blunder

By Donald Neff

American misconceptions about the Middle East is the fiction that agile U.S. diplomacy has kept the Soviet Union humbled to the status of a minor player in the region. Thus at a seminar at the American University in Washington on the 20th anniversary of the 1967 war all the worthy academics were in agreement about one thing: The USSR was doing poorly in the region. Another reflection of this perverse misreading of reality came recently in a story in the Washington Post, which solemnly assured its readers that "(Moscow's) role has been eroded badly over the past 15 years (in the Middle East,"

To some extent the error is understandable because President Reagan and his spokesmen routinely repeat this myth of erosion. They assure the world, and perhaps themselves, that U.S. diplomacy in the region has successfully "kept the Russians out." This, in fact, is the explicit rationale for one of the more bizarre alliances in U.S. diplomatic history, America's designation in 1983 of Israel as a "strategic ally." If anything, the facts show persuasively that if it weren't for Israel's instransigence there only it could make peace. But wouldn't be any need to worry while he was shuttling around

ONE of the more enduring about the Soviet Union in the region. Yet it is precisely the aim of blocking the USSR that is used to justify the alliance. Most recently, this incantation about stemming the Soviets came in Reagan's major post-Vienna summit address aimed at countering growing congressional opposition to American ships escorting Kuwaiti tankers in the Gulf. If America fails to escort, lectured Reagan, "we would open opportunities for the Russians to move into this choke-point of the free world's oil flow. In a word: If we don't do the job, the Russians

> Recent events highlight the role the Soviet Union is playing.

This self-satisfying misconception seems to have evolved largely out of Henry Kissinger's successful, and shortsighted, elbowing of the Soviets out of the talks resulting from the Geneva peace conference at the end of the 1973 war. Kissinger stressed the idea that only America had relations with both sides and therefore

profligately pledging away America's treasury for limited step-bystep agreements, the Soviets were quietly burrowing deeper than ever into the region. Contrary to Reagan's speech and the myth of erosion, the fact is the USSR by now is already well established in the Gulf - and just about anywhere else in the region one looks. While the Reagan administration has been content largely to ignore the Middle East beyond extending automatic support for Israel - Moscow has continued making ever more impressive strides in extending its

A series of recent events highlights the central role the Soviet Union is now playing and is likely to continue to play in the region.
These include: Moscow's position as mediator in bringing renewed unity to the Palestine Liberation Organisation at its Algiers meeting; its refinancing of Egypt's debts which has made relations with Cairo better than they have been in years; its hosting of an official visit to Moscow for President Hafez Al Assad of Syria; its major mediating role in Muslim Lebanon and in encouraging a rapprochement between Presidents Assad and Saddam Hussein of Iraq; its wooing of the Gulf

states as indicated by a tour of the area by Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky and by its agreement to protect Kuwaiti ships in the Gulf; its arms sales to Jordan, with more likely to come; its reception in Moscow of Saudi Arabia's oil minister to discuss global oil policy; and its increasingly warm overtures toward

It is now obvious - if not to

Reagan and his Secretary of

State, George Shultz, then at least to any serious observer -that if there is going to be any movement in the Middle East peace process, Moscow will have to be included. Jordan, once Washington's exclusive friend, is now insisting on a Soviet presence at any international peace conference. One of the more delicious (if disheartening) potential ironies that could emerge in the not too distant future is that the USSR may actually resume relations with Israel and will then be in a position to turn Kissinger's boast into its own: Only the Soviet Union has influence in

both camps. All this, and far more, has been achieved by Moscow in the past 35 years. Before that, its presence was nil. Since then it has managed to forge treaties of coopera-tion and friendship with Iraq and Syria —establish formal diplomatic relations with Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and strategic Oman - help in the creation of communist South Yemen and increase the strength of its Mediterranean naval force to the point where it is now a potent challenger of the U.S. Sixth Fleet. In addition, the USSR in the mid-1970s replaced U.S. in-

fluence in strategic Ethiopia, now a Marxist state. Coupled with Moscow's influence in South Yemen, the Ethiopian connection practically makes Bab Al Mandab a Soviet tollgate controlling the Red Sea. There are recurrent

The Soviets have broader relations throughout the region than does the United States.

and credible reports that relations will be established in the indeterminate future between the Soviet Union and what used to be described as America's closest Arab friend, Saudi Arabia. Finally, there are no Soviet hostages being held in Lebanon - nor. ironically, do Soviet citizens generally seem to have to worry

about being victims of Middle Eastern terrorists.

While Moscow was making these gains. Washington was losing more than its credibility. It lost its two major bases in the Arab World: Saudi Arabia refused to renew the U.S. lease on the Dhahran air base in 1961 and Libya did the same in 1970. The United States was thus denied its largest base in Africa and its only base in the Gulf. In both cases. America's exaggerated support of Israel contributed to the loss. In 1971. Washington made a partial return to the Gulf when Bahrain agreed to allow the U.S. to maintain a small naval station and hospital at Al Jufayr. But it was no substitute for the large Dhahran base — as the Reagan administration is now painfully learning. In sum, the USSR today has broader, and more influential, relations throughout the region than does the once dominant United States. All this represents an enviable accomplishment for Soviet diplomacy - and thus a major failure of U.S. diplomacy - particularly when one considers Moscow had no serious influence in the Middle East until 1955. With erosion like this who needs success? — Middle East International. London.

U.S. elections: 1988 Democratic field outshines 1984 cast

By Jonathan Wolman The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The 1988 Democratic presidential candidates — dubbed the "seven dwarfs" due to their lack of national political exposure — are being viewed as a more attractive field than the sacrificial lambs who threaded their way through the primaries in 1984.

Suddenly, Democratic figures are talking as if the party of former President Franklin D. Roosevelt may have a future as well as a past. Following a televised debate in

Houston last Wednesday, Democratic leader Robert Strauss granted he is given to hyperbole said he had never seen the party offer a more impressive presidential field.

"A lot of folks knew them only as the seven dwarfs," Jody Powell, the former aide to President Carter, said of the nearanonymous Democrats. "I doubt folks would come away (from the debate) with that impression.

"The American people don't know many of us very well," said senator Joseph Biden. "It was my purpose to attempt to answer the questions and demonstrate to the American people I had a grasp of the issues.

He acquitted himself nicely, and so did the others: Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, senator Paul Simon and Senator Albert Gore, congressman Richard Gephardt, Jesse Jackson and Bruce Babbitt.

"I tried to imagine them face to face with (leading Republican candidates) George Bush or Bob Dole, and I thought, almost any one of them would do fine." Democratic pollster Peter Hart told the Washington Post.
Aside from the dwarfs, the

Democrats have several other strong figures not running - New York Governor Mario Cuomo and senator Bill Bradley, for ex-

ample. emer
The larger group is living proof
that the 1984 Reagan rout
banished not only Walter F.
Mondale but probably most of his
generation of Democrats from
Gk presidential politics.

It is striking to consider how bereft the Democrats seemed of leadership just three years ago bered eight: Reuben Askew, never blossomed.

Alan Cranston, John Glenn, Gary Hart, Fritz Hollings, Jesse Jackson, George McGovern and

Among them, only Askew and Jackson were not creatures of that great deliberative body, the U.S. Senate.

Though Glenn and Hollings have expressed hesitant 1988 ambitions, the only carry over so far is Jackson, and he personifies the Democrats' improvement from three years ago. He is a new and improved candidate, handling himself in early campaign appearances with poise and

(The old Jackson, reacting to Biden's statement that Jackson could not be vice president on a Biden ticket, might have growled menacingly at the Democrats and hinted at a third-party campaign. The new Jackson simply shrugged it off - and then referred to the senator in passing as "vice president Biden.")

If the 1988 candidates add up party activists are praying the result will be better, too. It could hardly be worse -- 1984 was marked by innerparty warfare in the primaries and total collapse in the general election. The debacle

Askew, a former Florida governor, never established himself. ran out of money early, and disappeared without a trace. Hollings brought acerbic honesty to the race but failed to capitalise on his most notable idea - across

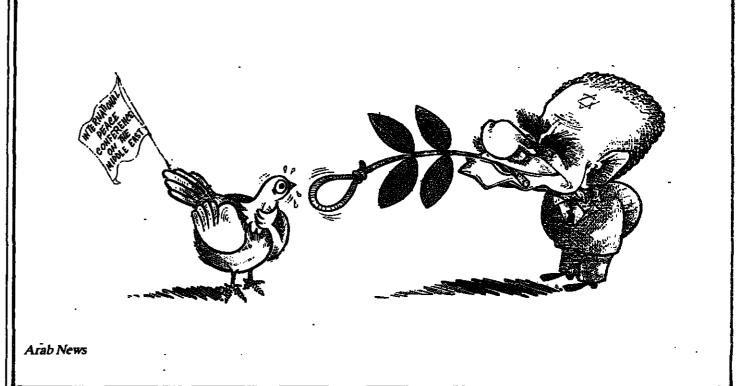
the board spending cuts.

Cranston was the wrong man for the times, too liberal to take on President Reagan, and too liberal to take on Mondale.

McGovern, buried by Nixon in 1972, was the breath of fresh air, working to silence the bickering and faring better than expected.

Hart, with his new ideas and willingness to challenge the party's special interest groups. emerged to challenge Mondale. His organisation sagged under the weight of overnight expecta-tions, and so, too, did Hart him-

Glenn, who had figured to be Mondale's biggest hurdle, squandered the glamour of his astronaut days and the credibility of his moderate standing in the Senwhen the presidential field num- ate. He ran an inept race that



Fortunes fading as stalemate persists in Middle East peace process

The Associated Press

TEL AVIV — Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's popularity has begun to fade in public opinion polls and among his own party activists after he failed to force national elections on the issue of Middle East peace.

In an apparent effort to reawaken momentum and maintain his own personal credibility, Peres has scheduled meetings with Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak and U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar in Geneva on Thursday.

The expected focus is a proposed international conference that is opposed by right-wingers headed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. "I presume the issue will come up," Peres told Israel army radio.

Israeli foreign ministry sources who spoke on condition of anonymity said Peres may also meet with Richard Murphy, a U.S. envoy who has just concluded talks on the Middle East with his Soviet counterpart, Vladimir Polvakov.

Insiders suggest time is running out, and that unless Peres can support and would win 44 seats if

spark something soon the peace process will remain stalemated until after U.S. and Israeli elections, both set for the end of

lance of movement in the peace process to keep it alive until elections restore Labour's and the peace process's fortunes,' wrote Jerusalem Post political analyst Benny Morris.

But Peres, 63, is beginning to feel the impact of his failure to bring down the coalition government on the peace issue as promised last May.

Israel poll conducted in mid-June found that only 38.4 per cent of 1,200 Israelis surveyed were pleased with Peres' performance as foreign minister. That compared to peak approval ratings of around 70 per cent when Peres was head of the coalition government in 1985-86.

Shamir gained ground in the

"Peres must create a semb-

A public opinion research in

same Pori poll, getting a 30.3 per cent approval rating in June compared to 26.1 per cent in April. Another independent polling organisation, Dahaf, reported Peres' Labour Party was losing

elections had been held in May. Meanwhile, right-wing parties that favour keeping captured Arab territory gained enough support to win several more

Perhaps most telling for Peres was a Dahaf finding that only 35 per cent of those surveyed believed early elections were justified by the controversy over the international conference. Sixtyfour per cent said they were not. and I per cent gave no answer.

Uzi Bar-Am. secretary-general of the Labour Party, alluded to renewed infighting similar to in-traparty clashes 10 years ago between Peres and former premier Yitzhak Rabin, now defence minister.

"There are cracks. ... It is clear that the unity of the Labour Party has recently returned to a state it was in during the Rabin-Peres friction," Bar-Am said on Israel army radio.

Party insiders who spoke on condition of anonymity said numerous intra-party divisions erupted after Peres failed to force new elections. They cited significant disgruntlement with the way

elections were held today instead Peres and his advisers handled of the 46 it might have had if the showdown with Likud on peacekeeping strategy.

Peres supporters have shifted some of the blame for the failure on the U.S. administration of President Ronald Reagan, especially Secretary of State George Shultz. Shultz is known to have been cool to an international conference because it might provide an opening to the Soviet Union to play a broader role in the region.

The proposed conference would be convened by Perez de Cuellar and be attended by the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — the Soviet Union, China, the United States, Britain and France - as well as parties in the region. Shamir has argued a confer-

ence would merely serve as a way of pressuring Israel into making territorial concessions, such as a return of the West Bank and Gaza Strip occupied in 1967,

which he opposes. Peres has claimed the international conference was a cover to allow Jordan to enter the talks without being attacked by radical Arabs and would serve only to launch bilateral talks between Israel and the Arab states.

Ivory Coast runs out of patience with IMF austerity

Peter Blackburn reports on the reasons why this West African state a "favourite son" of bankers and aid donors — has suspended its debt repayments.

ABIDJAN — When the Ivory Coast announced recently that it was suspending debt payments, shock waves spread far beyond this small French-speaking West African state.

The Ivory Coast has long been regarded as one of the rare African success stories — all the more remarkable because its rapid economic growth since independence has been based on agriculture rather than oil or mineral re-

"If Ivory Coast cannot pay its debts, then what hope is there for the rest of Africa?" bankers ask. The Ivory Coast, with its political stability and liberal economic policies, has traditionally been a "favourite son" of bankers, bilateral and multilateral aid donors. Unlike some other African countries, it has not lackedfinancial support for its economic

The country was encouraged to borrow to such an extent that it has now become one of the world's most indebted countries in per capita terms, with external debts of over \$8 billion for a population of only 10 million. The Ivorian announcement re-

flects the gravity of Africa's debt crisis as well as a hardening of attitude among African countries, towards Western creditors both for their lack of support and the harsh conditions attached to their

The Ivorian government has pointed out that the International Monetary Fund and World Bank austerity measures and economic adjustment programme which it has obediently implemented since 1981 have brought little benefit and much pain. However, only last year it

looked as if the country was back

on the road to recovery - the

economy was expanding again and a multi-year rescheduling of external debt had freed resources to help achieve a 4 per cent a year growth target. Unfortunately the collapse in the prices of cocoa and coffee,

which provide about 60 per cent of Ivorian export earnings, quickly undermined the rescheduling Coffee prices have since fallen by 44 per cent and cocoa by 20 per cent, while a 15 per cent

the local CFA currency has further reduced export earnings. Real gross domestic product is now expected to decline by 1 per cent in 1987, compared with a 3.5

depreciation of the dollar against

per cent annual average growth rate envisaged during the fouryear rescheduling.
The Caisse de Stabilisation, the

state commodity marketing board, is making a loss on the cocoa and coffee it buys from farmers at guaranteed prices. As a result, it expects to make

a loss this year of \$330 million instead of the forecast profit of nearly \$500 million.

In addition to the sharp drop in export earnings, lower-than-expected tax revenue will continue to a forecast financial deficit of \$750 million in 1987. In spite of the rescheduling,

debt service remains the largest item contributing to the shortfall. Moreover, debt payments are due to rise from \$1.2 billion in 1987 to a peak of \$1.6 billion, when they will absorb over onethird of export earnings.

The government feels it has exhausted both its patience and the range of administrative measures recommended by the IMF and World Bank.

"We now consider that the indefinite continuation of austerity on such a scale would endanger the political and social stability of our country" Mr. Abdoulage Kone, economy and finance minister, told the country's creditors in Paris recently.

After a long period of stabilisation, the time has come to relaunch the economy, he added. The government has recon-

tacted its creditors in order to search for new solutions. Although an IMF team returned to Washington early in June after apparently having made no progress, an initiative may be forthcoming after Mr. Michael Camdessus, the IMF's director general, visits Abidjan.

In the meantime, the Ivory Coast has suspended debt payments until world commodity markets improve and mutually acceptable solutions are found.

The irony of the crisis is that the Ivory Coast, the world's largest cocoa producer, expects a record crop for the third successive season. During the previous drought-linked financial crisis in 1983-84, crops were badly affected while soaring dollar and interest rates swelled debt ser-

"The country is hostage to

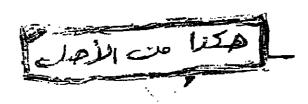
commodity speculators and other forces beyond its control," economists say. These include sharp fluctuations in world commodity prices, dollar and interest rates and climatic conditions.

Long-term structural solutions include reduced dependence on cocoa and coffee exports, increased local precessing of commodities, improved market information and use of term markets to hedge against fluctuations in commodity prices and exchange rates.

Despite some successes, notably with cotton and rubber, the country remains vulnerable to the whims of cocoa and coffee traders. However, prices have been depressed recently for all the

country's cash crop exports. International agreements to stabilise cocoa and coffee prices have been "inefficient and expensive," according to Mr. Bra Kanon, agriculture minister.

- Financial Times news feature.



Close to power's ear, he trims rough edges of Reagan image

By Christopher Hanson

WASHINGTON — if this man slips, President Reagan's image will suffer

- Milton Pitts is a private citizen but he works near the top-secret "situation room" where fired Reagan aide Oliver North once hung his hat.

He is the presidential barber. Pitts, 67, once described by the -Washington Post as "the Chagall of male coif, the Leonardo of political locks," has a high-powered clientele that has included each president except Jimmy Carter since 1969.

He was responsible for making President Richard Nixon's locks less greasy, for making President Gerald Ford look less bald and for trimming down Reagan's pompadour — the swept-back stack of hair that was the delight of cartoonists.

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ton Hotel, walks two blocks to the White House and meets Reagan in the mansion's tiny basement barber shop.

"He's one of the nicest, easiest men to work with," Pitts told Reuters in his slow Southern

His work close to the president's ear has given him an almost proprietary interest in the Reagan image.

The Iran-contra scadal that has been raging since November is the sort of thing to turn a president's hair grey — but Pitts insists it has not.

"His hair is 20 per cent grey and the per cent has not changed at all." said the barber, a plump, neatly dressed, man with a kindly face and horn-rimmed glasses. "The president looks exactly the way he did when he came into

He denied a widespread hair, secret service agents guard amour that Reagan, at 76 the the door. No one is allowed in the Every 12 days Pitts leaves his rumour that Reagan, at 76 the

| **M**ogadishu

shop in the pricey Sheraton-Carl- oldest president in U.S. history, shop except Pitts, a manicurist, dyes his hair.

Before Reagan took office, Pitts himself thought the president-elect used dye and said as much to a newspaper when he first cut his new chient's thick, dark-brown hair, Pitts said. He remarked, "Now I see your hair is natural.

He quoted Reagan as replying, "Milt, you'd better clear that up with the press."

The barber said he persuaded Reagan to let him replace his pompadour with a "layer cut", in which each hair has about two inches long. "This gave it a good, balanced contour," he says. Pitts came to Washington from

South Carolina, 45 years ago, built up a business with a string of influential customers and won a referral to the White House in

When he cuts the president's

and the president.

He charges the chief executive \$20 per session, like all his old customers (newcomers pay 25), but does not expect the president to pay cash. He sends a monthly

As Pitts snips away, he waits for his customer to begin the small talk and follows the presidential lead. Sometimes, says Pitts, Reagan watches old movies on television or chats about current events.

Reagan is always immaculate, according to Pitts, who attributes this to his years as a Hollywood film star. Nixon and Ford were less se-

cure and always called him in for a shampoo and trim before they appeared on television. When Ford took office after Nixon's Watergate scandal res-

ignation in 1974, Pitts said. he was anxious to make his hair

Pitts said he told him, "Every-thing you're doing is wrong, Sir." He went at the president with shampoo, blow-dryer and razorcomb. Ford's hair came out looking fuller.

Nixon was even more of a challenge.

Pitts said when he met him. Nixon's hair was too long, too shiny from greasy ointment, too high in front, too short in back. In all, Pitts said, Nixon's hair made his famous ski nose look longer. The barber left Nixon's coif

fuller on the sides and lower in the back, and eliminated the oint-On Aug. 8, 1974, just before he resigned due to the Watergate

for a last trim. As Pitts recalls it, the beleaguered president settled into the barber chair and said, "The same as usual."

scandal, Nixon summoned Pitts

Alluding to his imminent resignation, Nixon declared he had

an uninterrupted series of

observations, which are expected

to yield the first detailed informa-

tion on the structure and dyna-

mics of the sun's interior," says

John Leibacher, project scientist for the Global Oscillations Net-

work Group (GONG) in Tucson,

A rotating nuclear furnace

made up mostly of hydrogen and

helium gases, the sun constantly

emits energy. Periodically, magnetic fields develop on its

surface in areas called sunspots,

which appear darker because

Associated with these disturb-

they are comparatively cooler.

ances, which last for weeks, are

flares and arching streams of gas

called prominences. Such activity

affects earth's magnetic field,

atmosphere, and possibly climate

Other secrets may be found

deep in the sun's core. There, in

the nuclear fusion process, the

done many good things as president, despite his mistakes.

He said he would come to Pitts' hotel shop sometime: "I'll call for an appointment, just like anyone

He never did, said Pitts, but the two have kept in touch. Pitts' hotel shop looks like a

politics hall-of-fame. The walls are hung with framed, signed photographs of customers such as former secretary of state Henry Kissinger, ex-Nixon aide John Ehrlichman, Secretary of State George Shultz and Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger. Most are Republicans.

When Carter was president from 1977-1981, he used another barber. But Pitts says he harbours no partisan bitterness.

"People ask me, 'Milt do you cut Democrats' hair?'," he said, adding: "My scissors don't know the difference between 'a Democrat and a Republican."

Randa Habibs

False rumours

A LETTER from a "concerned mother" has brought to my attention a rumour circulating in Amman that the bacteria responsible for meningitis has been found in the swimming pools of the city's social clubs.

My reader's concern, being a mother, is that children using those pools, might catch this serious illness. Rumours, it seems, flourish in this town, at a high speed. That is why I feel it necessary to communicate to you the result of my personal investigation on

First of all, as physicians told me, the danger of any disease being transmitted via water would only be in the case of non-controlled pools; Small neglected pools without chlorine in the water. In the case of Amman's social clubs that are regularly controlled and well-supervised, the chances of catching any kind of disease are rare.

On the other hand, I personally investigated and found that samples from public pools are regularly taken by the Ministry of Health for checks. Most pools use chlorine to purify water. People complain that chlorine is added in big quantities, causing allergies to children with sensitive skin. Clubs' officials say that they are forced to add higher quantities of chlorine because their clients do not apply the chibs' hygienic rules. Big signs ask the members and guests to shower before getting into the pool, but few really do, officials at those clubs maintain. Based on all of this I see no reason for panic. We should not submit to these rumours and deprive our children of the fun of swimming. The Ministry of Health seems to be doing a good job. But is might not be bad idea if the ministry would wage an awareness campaign to warn people when a warning is due or to calm their minds when a false rumour circulates.

Scientists probe deep inside sun possible for atronomers to obtain

By Donald J. Frederick National Geographic

WASHINGTON — The sun is like a big ringing bell, sounding millions of notes at a time. Of course, scientists can't hear any tones, but they can watch the vibrations through a technique known as helioseismology, a new

sun's surface.

earth's nearest star. Such observations could have far-reaching implications. By watching the sun carefully, scientists may learn more about other, more distant stars, and, closer to

Son in constant turmoil

But there's a big difference between seismic waves on earth and on the sun. On earth, specific events such as earthquakes or nuclear explosions cause earth's crust to tremble, releasing energy in the form of seismic waves, which travel much like sound waves and generate vibrations within the earth.

The sun, bubbling in an inferno of gases, is never still, however.

By Alan Baldwin

Reuter

ROME — "Roman Holiday",

the classic black and white

romantic comedy that launched

tional film star next to Gregory

Peck, is being given a modern

facelift for American television.

taken by Catherine Oxenburg,

British actor Tom Conti, who

has Scottish and Italian ancestry,

is given the dannting task of

following Peck's performance as

a reporter who sees the princess

in the street and follows her. The

two eventually fall in love after a

Conti, whose performance on

Broadway in the play "Whose Life is it Anyway?" won him a

Tony award as best actor, said he

was initially reluctant to make the

"My first answer was no," he

told Reuters, relaxing in the

shade during a break from filming

on Rome's Spanish Steps last

month. "Thank you very much,

No. Gregory Peck — oh no."

With groups of foreign tourists

watching from nearby, Conti ex-

plained his first reactions when

"I thought this is really going where angels fear to tread. When

people say 'What are you doing?' I say: 'Well actually

we're doing a remake of Roman

Holiday' ... Will you be Greg-ory Peck?' ...oh, my God," he

He said he changed his mind

after he saw the original again

and thought how much fun it

"You don't want to be a sunf-

lower all the time," he said in a

characteristic use of metaphor.

"Sometimes you want to be a

windmill — that's the fun of this

asked to take the part.

langhed.

series of innocent adventures.

soap opera "Dynasty."

But the revival of William Wyl-

Andrev Henburn as

buffs.

Its seething gases are constantly in motion, producing solar seis-

"These waves are always present at all points within the sun and on its surface," says Dr. Robert W. Noves of the Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics.

The sun is 'tinging' like a bell, but not like one that is being struck by a clapper," says Noyes.
"Rather, it is vibrating somewhat like a bell suspended in a sandstorm, continuously struck by tiny grains of sand.

Like the vibrations in the metal sides of a bell, the gas oscillations observable on the sun's surface are in reality a multitude of individual sound waves that come in many modes. Because each mode. travels in a different but known. cavity beneath the solar surface, some modes carry information about the deep interior of the

An international network of solar telescopes designed to monitor these oscillations will begin full operation in 1990. Monitoring will be coordinated by the National Optical Astronomy Observatories.

Unbroken look at sun

nuclei of hydrogen atoms collide, uniting to form helium nuclei and giving off enormous amounts of energy. In one second, the sun

gives off more energy than all humans have produced during their history on earth.

By studying the oscillations leading to the sun's interior, sci-

the sun burns hydrogen to form beligm and heavier elements, a process that is still poorly understood. Moreover, helioseismology may shed more light on neutrinos, peculiar particles that are produced in the sun's burning core and in other stars.

Experts have come up with theoretical models of just what takes place in the fusion process, but so far they have been unable to detect all the neutrinos that are supposedly released in the pro-

"Experiments carried out in the last 20 years have shown only one-third the number of neutrinos that theory predicted," says Jay M. Pasachoff, professor of astronomy at Williams College.

Neutrinos almost never react with matter, largely because they are so insubstantial and carry no electric charge. They zip right throgh the earth at the speed of light. Few cosmologists paid attention to them until 1980, when Soviet and American experiments indicated that these supposedly massless points of energy might in fact have a small

If neutrinos do have any mass, however small, there are so many of them that they could account for as much as 90 per cent of the

Vietnam learns to take it easy after decades of war

By Joseph de Rienzo Reuter

HO CHI MINH CITY - Vietnam has an image as Asia's lean martial state — the war machine which humbled the armies of both France and the United

But that picture is misleading:

no play. There are body builders at a sweltering Dong Khoi street gym here concentrating on more than just getting into shape to better serve their Communist home-

land. They spend their leisure time

sculpting their physiques.

Muscleman Nguyen Van Tam
and some of the 50 members of his group willingly flexed for the camera under a portrait of gaunt nation-builder Ho Chi Minh.

Tam was almost apologetic: "We're not up to international standards yet. We could use more protein and modern equipment." After finishing work in factories or government buildings,

women workers crank up disco music on cassette players and sweat through aerobics routines. women muscle-builders. "They do aesthetic exercises to build

busts and slim waists." Here as well as in the capital and playful streak is easy to see especially after sundown.

Everyone seems to take to Duan. bicycles at dusk.

to get caught between the Ho Chi Minh City cathedral and the river without a bike on Sunday nights

 по pedestrian could survive. The same goes for the roads ringing Hanoi's numerous lakes and parks on any evening, but the pace is more sedate.

Hanoi has the reputation of being a dour city. Yet it's hard to find a park bench at night without at least one couple cuddling, and not for warmth

Coffee shops in both cities are crowded. Most are simple sidewalk affairs, but others offer audio and some video fare indoors. Patrons are young and often have

drunk a good deal of beer. Locals and Europeans, mostly Chi Minh City's Rex Hotel or

Hanoi's open-air International Club for dancing to enthusiastic if not polished dance combos. Those diversions are certainly

for the elite. But for the less affluent, music and drama per-formances and cinemas are popular and affordable - about the cost of a loaf of bread.

The new era of reform that The country is not all work and Hanoi leadership appears determined to encourage is reflected in this relaxed atmosphere. Actors at run-down theatres

and new state cultural halls de-

light audiences with subtle libes at corruption and inefficiency in the Communist Party bureaucracy. At a recent performance of

traditional Vietnamese opera. a gust of applause greeted the ad hib line: "It's not just robbers and burglars who must be punished. They wouldn't have dared do

that last year." said one official. Entertainers who made their name before the 1975 Communist victory over capitalist South Viet-

nam are still popular.

Folk singer Hong Van and musician Pham Trong Cau said renowned artists had been given houses, cars and stipends by the Tam did not know of any state to encourage them to stay in a Vietnam united under Com-

Van, who once had roses and cash showered upon her in tea Hanoi, Vietnam's sentimental houses by leaders of the southern regime, was equally liked by the late Communist party chief Le

"She was appreciated by the Visitors should be warned not south and north. But the south-

ern leaders' ears weren't as discriminating," said Cau.

Cau, who lost a leg fighting against French colonial forces in 1953, was jailed in the south for three years before the Communist takeover. He now travels the

country composing and performing. His main complaint is that Vietnam does not have a sym-

phony orchestra. Viétnamese can buy cheap locally-made guitars and the instruments are common in towns and in the countryside.

Many factories have their own combos which play love songs along with production themes such as one current chart-buster, Soviet-bloc diplomats, mix at Ho a paean to the mighty Tri An hydroelectric dam.

Eritrea gears up to halt the march of locusts Eritrea, still fighting its debilitating civil war, now faces a second kind

Addis Ababa

of war; an invasion of locusts. Jeremy Harding recently talked to officials on this second battle-front.

THE appearance of desert locusts in the war-torn territory of Eritrea is causing widespread concern in the region as a whole. A report issued in May by the U.N. Emergency Prevention and Preparedness Group in Ethiopia (EPPGE) comments that "the locust situation in northern Entrea presently appears to be out of

control." In May, swarms were reported in north-eastern Sudan at Kassala, a short distance from the Eritrean border. Aid workers and government officials in Khartoum are worried that more swarms may be imminent in July and

August.
"We will know if things are really serious in Eritrea," said a U.S. aid staff member in Khartoum, when marching bands of hoppers or swarms start coming through the mountain cornidor between Tessenei and Kassala."

The hopper stage of the desert locust's life cycle lasts approximately 40 days, after which it enters the adult stage which may last anything between a further three and five months. The female can lay three times during

the adult stage. The 25-year-old war between Eritrean guerrillas seeking independence from Ethiopia, and Addis Ababa, which annexed the territory in 1962, is a serious obstacle to tackling the infestation effectively.

The Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF), with its bases in the north, controls at least two-fifths of the territory, including a substantial coastal strip. It also fields small guerrilla units further south in inland rural areas surrounding Eritrea's principal towns, all of which are held by Ethiopian government troops. Both the coast and much of the territory's western rural areas are notorious breeding grounds for the desert locust.

The EPPGE's report states that aerial spraying took place in February and March north of the Ethiopian-controlled port of Massawa - although how far north the report does not specify. At the same time, officials of the Dessert Locust Control Organisation/East Africa confirm that it has been able to spray from light pircraft along Sudan's Red Sea coastal areas, extending its operation beyond the Sudanese frontier as far south as the Eritrean

coastal town of Mersa Teklai. In Khartoum, officials of the Eritrean Relief Association - a pro-independence agency with strong links to the EPLF - point out that this still leaves key areas of the coastline without adequate attention between Massawa and Mersa Teklai. ERA and the

EPLF have launched two appeals to international agencies for comprehensive spraying. In the meantime, says EPLF agricultu-ral official Mr. Heruy Asgedom, more locusts in the pre-adult stage have been sighted further west, in Barka province, near the border with Sudan.

initiatives of their own. Mr. the northern coastal districts, as well as the lowlands of Barka province, to the west.

The EPLF claims to have set up 10 monitoring and control stations in the territory, deploying sprayers wherever possi-ble. Six of these stations, according to Mr. Asgedom, are in southern rural areas near Ethiopian garrison towns, where a small but significant guerrilla presence restricts government

the EPLF can deploy only handpump operated knapsacks, which are of limited use. "The problems of surveying, identification and communication are big," he said, "but we're trying our best."

Dr. Abdel Moneim Karrar, who heads the locust control section of Sudan's plant protection department, is taking the threat across the border seriously. The PPD has independent reports confirming the infestation from nomads who migrate back and forth between Sudan and EPLFheld territory. Also chairman of the control organisation's executive committee, Dr. Karrar has ordered two of the organisation's light aircraft to spray in Sudan, where infestations have also been reported in central and western

spraying will be concentrated around Kassala in the north-east.

"It's a disturbing situation," he reflected, scrutinising the map in his office. "Without proper control in Eritrea, one worries about exactly what may be coming up." Last year, an outbreak of de-

sert locusts during the summer breeding season plagued Sudan until December. In retrospect, says Dr. Karrar, the plant protection department was pleased with the success of its control operation. But with no precise details on what may be in store over the next few weeks, the mood in his offices is anything but complacent - Financial Times feature.

With the infestation threatening sorghum harvests throughout the guerrilla-held areas, the EPLF and ERA are now taking Asgedom says they have carried out limited spraying from Toyotas and also distributed motorised pesticide knapsacks in

Here, explained Mr. Asgedom,

Dr. Karrar fully expects, however, that most of the

mic waves.

method of probing beneath the

Just as seismologists analyze seismic waves to study conditions deep within the earth, helioseismologists study sound waves to learn what's happening inside

home, earth's weather.

"The sun will never set on this chain of instruments, making it entists may find out exactly how

Roman Holiday' gets a modern facelift business, because it allows you to change, because it's different."
"This film is a lollipop, its a

piece of fluff, in musical terms its

Rossini. It's for enjoyment..." Conti said. ple are unhappy its really our job to go into the market place and tell them a story. That's what an actor's function is — to cheer them up. You can't have unremit-

er's light-hearted fable, which ting gloom," he said. won Hepburn an Oscar in 1953 as best actress and added to the Oxenburg said she had always director's fame as a perfectionist wanted to play in light comedy taskmaster, may raise a howl or and was eager to shake off her to of anguish from some film "Dynasty" image: "I did not really enjoy doing "Dynasty" very much towards the end because I The original was one of the first knew it was not really taking me major Hollywood films to be

anywhere." made in postwar Rome and captivated audiences with Hepburn's Producer Jerry Ludwig said he style and aura of wide-eyed innohad tried to be careful in modemising the script so as not to alienate those who remembered The new cast list may seem the old movie but also to win over surprising: Hepburn's role as a a new generation. fresh-faced princess who slips

"If I've done it right, the audiaway from her entourage to see the sights of Rome in secret is ence that remembers the old picture won't think I've done anybetter known for starring in the thing," he said. Wyler took 12 weeks to film

the movie on location in Rome,

shooting some scenes as many as

70 times in his quest for perfection and even rebuilding the Spanish Steps indoors when the original proved inadequate for his The remake, directed by Noel Nosseck, uses many of the Rome locations that made memorable

scenes in the original, but is

expected to take just a third of

the time to make. Many of the

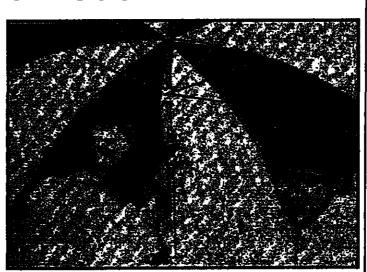
interiors are also being filmed in Lisbon because Portugal is cheaper and quieter than Rome. So much cheaper, in fact, that when the production team found one old set used by Wyler they carted it off to Portugal for film-

ing rather than using it in Italy. In one scene on the banks of the river Tiber, Wyler used 80 arc lamps to illuminate the scene, said sound man Aldo de Martino who worked on the original as well as helping with the new version. The remake takes place

Conti's role has also been changed since the days of Peck. "Tom plays a reporter who has been in Angola, Afghanistan, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Beirut. I think he figured out it was about half-a-dozen wars,"

inside a discotheque.

Ludwig told Reuters. "The old movie was enter Gregory Peck. Period. That was the characterisation," Ludwig said. "Peck was a star from the



Actress Catherine Oxenburg and actor Tom Conti in the new version of Roman Holiday

the veneer with a hammer. Conti is a real human being," the producer-scriptwriter added. Some years ago I worked with

old school and you could crack Wyler," Ludwig said. "He did not have many regrets but said he always regretted not making this film in colour. Well, now we are doing just that."

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Saudis call urgent Arab sports session over Iraq soccer ban

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The chairman of the Arab Football Federation (AFF), Prince Faisal Ibn Fahd, has summoned Arab sports officials to an emergency meeting to discuss a soccer ban on Iraq because of the Gulf war, aides reported Wednesday.

July 24 at the federation's headquarters in Saudi Arabia's capit-

al, Riyadh, the aides said. The prince called the session after Iraqi Youth and Sports Minister Nuri Faisal Shahir requested an urgent meeting of the federation to discuss a ban by the International Football Association, FIFA, on holding soccer

matches in Iraq.
Iraq has been at war with

crashes out in

Belgian Open

KNOKKE, Belgium (R) — Top seed Manuela Maleeva of Bulgar-

ia crashed out in the first round of

the \$75,000 Belgian Open

women's tennis tournament

Maleeva, ranked nine in the

world, went down to the 10-year-

old unseeded Federica Bonsig-nori of Italy 6-3, 1-6, 6-3 in two

The defeat was another disappointment for the Bulgarian

who was seeded seven at Wimble-

don but lost in the second round

to Australia's Dianne Balestrat in

Maleeva

Tuesday night.

hours 30 minutes.

The meeting is scheduled for neighbouring Iran since Septem-uly 24 at the federation's head- ber 1980 and FIFA considers Baghdad unsafe.

FIFA has ruled that international games involving Iraq and Iran, such as World Cup elimination matches, be played outside the two countries.

But the new ruling has been widened to include soccer tournaments that Iraq would host, such as the Palestine Cup which is held every two years among Arab

came from behind to upset top-

seeded Henri Leconte 3-6, 6-2,

6-4 in another first-round shocker

Tuesday in the \$231,000 Swiss

Open tennis tournament, leaving

only four survivors among the

Sundstroem, ranked 115th in

the world against Leconte's 12,

had a slow start. But his control

of the second set, interrupted briefly by rain, left little doubt

about the outcome of the two-

The Swede's seeded country-

hour match.

Top-seeded Leconte ousted in

first round in Swiss Open

The tournament carries strong political tones as it underlines Arab countries' backing for the Palestinian cause.

Faisal's deputy, Saleh Ibn Nas-ser, said that holding the Pales-tine Cup on schedule was of "major concern" to Faisal, son of King Fahd.

Faisal's aides disclosed that he has contacted FIFA executives, Arab football associations and the Arab League on the FIFA ban, which was adopted by 16 votes to 4 in Zurich June 11.

It has reportedly drawn sharp reaction from Arab associations. The Iraqi request submitted to FIFA to hold the Palestine Cup in

ryd, six, defeated Roland Stadler,

of Spain also had little trouble in

disposing of Johan Kriek, United

was India's Ramesh Krishnan,

number seven, who went down

against Haiti's Ronald Agenor,

3-6, 3-6.
The upsets followed the ouster two American

seeds, Brad Gilbert, number two,

and Kevin Curren, four. The last

The fourth seed to be ousted

Third-seeded Emilio Sanchez

also of Switzerland 6-3, 6-4.

Baghdad from Aug. 15-30 had been backed by Arab and Asian football federations.

Saudi Arabia's Abdullah Al Dabl, who voted in favour of the arrangement in Zurich, said then that the Palestine Cup tournament was a "purely pan-Arab occasion and the meet was endorsed by the Council of Arab Ministers for Youth and Sports in Baghdad."

Asked if Jordan should be considered as an alternative venue, assistant federation chairman, Waleed Kurdi, said that no other Arab country has so far offered to host the tournament.

"It all depends on the July 24 meeting," he said.

Leeds, Spurs fans travel

barred

LONDON (AP) --- England's soccer chiefs have barred European exhibition trips this summer by two clubs whose fans have been involved in game-related

The football association said it was unable to sanction the proposed trips by First-Division Tottenham Hotspur and Second-Di-vision Leeds United "under the

The Spurs were to have played in The Netherlands, while Leeds was scheduled to play in West

GSTAAD, Switzerland (AP) — of the leading Swiss player, Jakob Sweden's Hendrik Sundstroem Hlasek, 6-2, 6-4 and Anders Jar-

prevailing circumstances."

Mikael Pernfors, five, took care ment dropped out Tuesday Argentina's soccer team in for a showdown against arch rival Uruguay

men equally moved ahead. American entry in the tourna-

champions Argentina, led by soccer superstar Diego Maradona, clash with arch rivals Uruguay here on Thursday for a place in the final of the South American

Argentina hopes to repeat their World Cup win over their tradi-

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tional rivals from across the River Plate to keep Uruguay's participation in the tournament down

to just one match.
Uruguay, which will field a much-changed side from that which lost 1-0 to Argentina in the second round of the World Cup

a bye into the semifinals as title South American title to their

With star forward Enzo Francescoli at the helm, Uruguay cannot be taken lightly.

But Argentina, with some new faces, are steadily improving under the influence of Maradona in Mexico a year ago, were given and look good enough to add the Ecuador last Saturday.

Friday

world crown, especially after Chile's shock elimination of Brazii.

Maradona scored three of their four goals in the qualifying round, including a brilliant free kick in the 3-0 victory over

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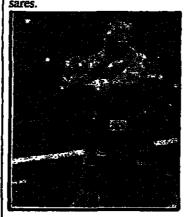
Hug attempt, fistfight take Tyson to court

LOS ANGELES (R) - World heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson was charged with assault with a deadly weapon his fists — and battery after he allegedly tried to kiss a woman parking attendant and hit her supervisor, a prosecutor's spokes-

If found guilty, Tyson, the youngest heavyweight world champion in history, could be sentenced to up to 18 months in jail and fined \$12,000.

The 21-year-old American. who was charged late on Monday, was alleged to have grabbed attendant Tabita Gonzalez, 18, in a bear hug in the parking lot of the Greek Theatre on June 21 after attending a concert by the rap-rock group Run-DMC.

Mike Qualls, a spokesman for the Los Angeles city attorney's office, alleged that Tyson said something like "give me a kiss" and Gonzalez struggled to get away, attracting the attention of her supervisor, Jonathan Ca-



Tyson... only a gun can stop

Police Lieutenant David Waterman said Tyson allegedly threw a concert T-shirt at Casares, 20, and struck him in the mouth. He said Casares suffered cut lip and an injured nose.

Tyson, who gave an address in the Catskills Mountains of New York State, is due to be arrainged on August 26.

Tyson holds both the World Boxing Council (WBC) and World Boxing Association (WBA) heavyweight crowns and is scheduled to meet American Tony Tucker on August 1 in Las Vegas for the undisputed world heavyweight title. He successfully retained his crowns last May against countryman Pinklon

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LOOKING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION?: AI Baqa' goalie Fathi Abu Dan moves to hit the ball back in defending his net during a match played Wednesday against Al Faisali team. The match,

pionships, was won by Al Faisali 1-0 (photo by

Los Angeles reiterates offer to host Olympics

been done."

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Harry tough question, could it have Usher, one of the architects of the extremely successful 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, be-lieves the city could have hosted the games next summer should such an emergency situation have

But Anita Defrantz, the president of the Amateur Athletic Foundation (AAF) of Los Angeles and one of two International Olympic Committee (IOC) representatives to the United States, isn't so sure that such a task could have been undertaken.

And Amy Quinn, the press secretary of the 1984 games, intimated that she wouldn't have wanted to see such an attempt made for aesthetic reasons. In answer to a hypothetical question, Usher, the executive vice president and general mana-

day that time would have been the main opponent of such an undertaking by Los Angeles. To Defrantz, time would have probably been too formidable an

ger of the 1984 games, said Tues-

The one thing I'm concerned about is the manpower in Los Angeles to take care of it," Usher said. "We have a tremendous number of people who could get it done. "The question is timing, money, but not people power."
"Said Defrantz: "That's a real

On Tuesday, however, IOC

if the political situation in Seoul,

anch said if the games could not be held in Seoul, they would not "I think it would have taken be held at all.

Usher was asked to comment maybe an extra year to get it on the hypothetical question. "The question is really framed. Mayor Tom Bradley said last month he had spoken in-formally with IOC officials about should there be no Olympics in 1988 or should there be one using Los Angeles as an alternate site for the 1988 Summer Games where you could continue tradi-tion," Usher said. "If you acted

South Korea, made it impossible Los Angeles). "It's not going to be as perfect, it's not going to be as well-planned because of the time for the 1988 Summer Olympics to President Juan Antonio Samar- problems, but it could be done."

pretty soon, it could be done (in

Algeria, Qatar set to reap more gold medals in Arab meeting

ALGIERS (R) — Hosts Algeria entered the thrid day of competitions in the Arab athletics championships Wednesday night hopng to maintain their gold medal

The Algerians will look to Samia Djamma in the women's javelin to chinch their 10th gold medal after compatriot Yassmina Azizi won the ninth in Tuesday night's 100 metres hurdles, her second in the four-day cham-

pionships. Azizi won her first gold medal in the long jump with a 13.82-metre leap that narrowly edged her compatriot Nassira Zaaboub

Djamma is the first African woman to throw the javelin over 60 metres with a career best effort, achieved in Moscow, standing at 61.28 metres. She should face what amounts to sym-

Hakim Toumi is another Algerian virtually assured of a gold medal on Wednesday night in the hammer. His mark for the event stands at 71.52 metres and Kuwait's 22-year-old Walid Al-Bekbeit should win a bronze or a

bolic opposition in Wednesday's

final in the July 5th Stadium.

But it is another Algerian, Sheriff Habib, who will have to produce his best against Tunisia's Fethy Baccoushe to make it a triple for the hosts in the stee-

piechase. Qatar, already with two gold medals from the men's 100 metres and long jump, are strong favourites to win the men's 200

metres and the 4x100 relay. Moroccan Olympic Champion Nawal Al-Moutawakil took her first gold medal in the event Tues-

day night with an easy win in the 400 metres hurdles.

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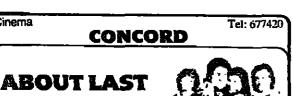
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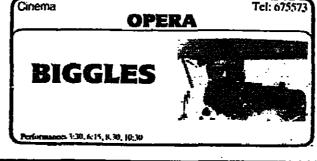
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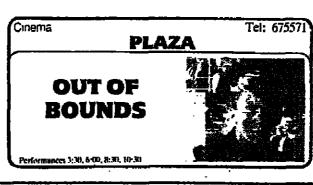


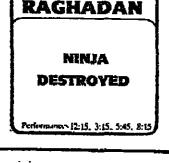
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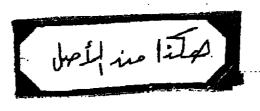
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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets on Wednesday.

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LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) - Equities stood mixed but with an easier bias in late trading as operators took profits at the end of the account, in the wake of the recent record-breaking run.

One dealer suggested the market was displaying "typical end-of-account blues," pointing out that a lack of corporate news, together with Wall Street's uninspiring early trend, accelerated the sell-off during the afternoon session.

Dealers also noted renewed fears of further cash calls on the market after articles in the midday press estimating a £4 billion queue for funds. At 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 was down 12.8 points at 2,352.6 after an all-time high of 2,375.9.

Many dealers noted good U.S. interest, particularly among the

perennial U.S. favourites such as Glaxo, up 29p to 1,763, ICI 9p higher at 1,513, Jaguar 12p better at 562 and Reuters 5p higher at

They also noted some speculation that Japanese funds were finding their way into London equities via Wall Street. They pointed out that Wall Street closed strongly on Tuesday while the Tokyo stock market scored its fifth successive decline.

Horoscope

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, JULY 9, 1987 GENERAL TENDENCIES: Make travel arrangements today for business or vacation purposes. Rely on insight to help you achieve your goals. Tonight stop and consider your progress.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Handle long-distance correspondence, and consider the time element if the delivery date is very important. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You'll get fine results

if you show your romantic nature to a loved one. Be alert to business opportunities today. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) An above-board partner will have great ideas and fine advice. This help can

bring you much success if you listen.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) A prominent

person can give you a big boost if approached wisely.
Use your talents to increase your income.
LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Now is the time to get into that new activity which you've been eager to experience.
Make your plans for this matter early.
VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Entertaining guests would be fine today, but very bad tonight. Concern yourself with important personal matters.

yourself with important personal matters.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A generous friend can

provide you with great advice about how to advance on SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Think big if you're after

scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Think big if you're after a big success and let people see your abilities. Clear up your paperwork privately this evening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) If you plan your time wisely, you may be able to investigate a new project which would be highly beneficial.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Try to straighten out a problem with a loved one, but keep it confidential. Improve your credit rating tonight.

AQUÂRIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) An associate can give you good advice on how to make a venture with your friends very successful and pleasing.

friends very successful and pleasing.
PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) An annoying situation at home can be resolved with the help of an expert and

the cooperation of your family.
IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will have a wonderful imagination, and should be encouraged to put new ideas into motion. Be sure to give your child plenty of praise for outstanding accomplishments. Your son or daughter should be schooled in languages and manners, since he or she will travel much.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, JULY 10, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A change of attitude will be necessary if you are to keep up with the swiftly-moving conditions around you. The full moon may create a tendency for strange mood swings.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Correspondence may bring up new situations, but try to concentrate on resolv-

ing old ones which have been put off.
TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Improve your proficiency in using modern avenues of expression. A situation

which arises can be beneficial. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Be direct in stating your ideas for changes in business. Good results and a fine agreement will be resched.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) A good amount of work can be accomplished if you apply yourself. Keep your promises to the letter. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Make arrangements for your weekend activities this morning, but keep up with

necessary business duties. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Don't put your family in an angry mood this morning. Tonight, decide on how

to improve your relationship with your mate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Finish with an important report before returning calls. Entertain guests tonight,

but definitely avoid gossips.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Decide on a course of action to handle a responsibility you've been neglecting.

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Get your property fixed up today. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Seeking advice from a financial expert would be a very wise move. Im-

prove your personal appearance. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Clear up an annoying situation and be done with it. Be sure not to waste

any money on things you don't need.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Try your best to prevent an argument between your mate and a long time friend. Keep your fidelity intact.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Your family's happiness

is your first priority. Recreation with friends can wait until this is achieved.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will have a hunger for knowledge which will prove very helpful. Your son or daughter will be very serious and businesslike, and could be very successful, so plan now for a good education. Teach your child while young that a kind word is stronger than sercasm.

MANILA (R) — The Philippines year amounted to 79.1 billion is to introduce a wide-ranging 10 pesos (\$3.9 billion) compared with 69 billion pesos (\$3.4 billion) in 1985. existing sales tax system, officials said Wednesday.

Commissioner Benjamin Tan told reporters the tax had been approved by the cabinet and a decree should be signed soon by President Corazon Aquino.

The new tax will replace the present four-tiered sales tax structure, which varies between 10 and 30 per cent, Mr. Tan said.

He said the government expected a minimum 1.5 billion peso (\$75 million) increase in revenue next year through the new tax, which he said would also ease the tax burden on consumers.

The tax is projected to raise about 27.5 million pesos (\$1.3 million) in a full year, against about 11 million (\$550,000) now collected from the sales tax system. Mr. Tan said revenue increase figures allowed for first year "slippage" of up to 50 per

He said small companies with gross sales of less than 200,000 pesos (\$10,000) would be exempted, but the government ex-pected to raise more revenue because of a broadened tax base.

"The bottom line is that it would help the consumers because of lower prices of merchandise, Mr. Tan said.

Total government revenue last

Manila modifies tax system

Among those to be affected by the new taxes are importers, Bureau of Internal Revenue manufacturers, producers, traders, wholesalers and service companies such as brokerages and

Deputy Press Secretary Ben David said Mrs. Aquino was expected to sign the decree implementing the new tax scheme before the opening of congress on July 27.

A draft of the executive order imposing the new tax said rice would be exempt from the value added tax, along with education and medical services. Other food and clothing would be subject to the tax.

A copy of the cabinet brief obtained by Reuters said the new tax would "apply to all levels of production and distribution until it reaches the final consumer (covering) not only the sale of goods at original and subsequent sales but also the sale of selected

The announcement of the tax switch took many analysts by surprise. There had been hints that such a move was under consideration but no wide-scale de-

A sweeping code covering foreign investments is expected to be

Jakarta curbs money supply

JAKARTA (R) - The Indonesian government has withdrawn a massive amount of rupiah deposits from state banks forcing a big sell-off of the dollar and sending interbank call money rates as high as 40 per cent,

bankers said Wednesday.

The government withdrew 800 billion rupiah (almost \$500 million) in time deposits and other accounts owned by four big state-owned firms, including the giant Pertamina oil company, National Development Planning Minister Johannes Sumarlin said earlier.

The move was intended to stop the near-panic buying of dollars which had hit the banking system in May and June, Mr. Sumarlin

The huge rapiah withdrawal prevented state banks from lending rupiah to private banks and business speculators who had been borrowing heavily to buy

credit market here, bankers said. \$1.7 billion during that time.

The interbank rate is what banks charge each other for borrowing

money. One Indonesian state bank official said that banks may have to revenge on some loan commitments if the government did not

soon end its policy of severely restricting money supply. But Bank Central Asia Chief Director Mochtar Riady told reporters Tuesday the government should continue its "shock therapy" until two billion rupiah, or 15 per cent of the money suppply,

He said the industrial sector would be temporarily hurt by the now prohibitive cost of money but strong medicine was needed to bring stability to Jakarta's volatile money markets over the

was sucked back to the centra

The dollar-buying spree, feeding on rumours of devaluation or dollars.

The move also pushed overnight interbank call money rates to between 35 and 40 per cent, dried up the dried up the state of the dried up t

Price of coffee drops sharply

LONDON (AP) — The price of coffee on the London market dropped Tuesday to its lowest level for five years following news that Brazil is offering beans for sale more cheaply, traders said.

At the low, coffee for September delivery was trading at 1,210 pounds a tonne, a drop of 50 pounds on Monday's best price and 20

pounds below the previous five-year low in early April.

"The setback was triggered by the news that Brazil is offering coffee at more competitive prices," said trader Robert Leftwitch.

Analysts said the move by Brazil, the world's biggest producer and exporter of coffee, further weakened a market already undermined by statistical evidence of oversupply during the next 12

Last month, the U.S. Department of Agriculture forecast a rise of 27 per cent in world production in the current 1987-88 season to 97.8 million bags. One bag equals 60 kilogrammes, or 132 pounds.

London expects to raise \$2b from sale of 7 major airports

The company will become the world's first publicly traded air-

ports operator when trading in

the shares begins on July 28. The

share offer starts on Friday and

BAA makes money from fees

paid by airlines and by conces-

sionaires operating car parks,

duty-free shops and restaurants at

the airports. Last month, it re-

ported that pre-tax profits for the

year ended March 31 rose 10.5

BAA chairman Sir Norman

Payne said profits improved in the second half of the year, after

being depressed last year when

fears of terrorism in Europe and

the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in

the Soviet Union sharply cut tourism from the United States.

Mrs. Thatcher has denationalised

more than a third of state-owned

industries and the number of

share owners in Britain has tre-

bled to 9.5 million out of a

population of about 56 million.

The government is planning to

sell the country's water utility

Among the state enterprises

which have already been sold off

to the public are British Airways

Pic, the British Gas Plc, Natural

and aero-engine maker Rolls-

The municipality must also be-

developing" based on its income

and expenses. It will be responsi-

ble for full employment of the

population as well as for housing

construction, health services and

The state will, however, con-

tinue to support "economically

underdeveloped" municipalities with subsidies and new means of

Each municipality must "pre-

serve and multiply socialist prop-

erty," maintain public order and

defend citizens' rights, the news

According to BTA, citizens will have the right to directly participate in resolving important

questions concerning the munici-

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later this year.

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closes on July 16.

LONDON (R) — The government said Wednesday its sale this month of seven major British airports — the latest step in Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's privatisation programme — would raise £1.23 billion (\$1.99 billion) for the state coffers.

Announcing the offer's pricing formula, it said it would sell 500 million shares of BAA Plc., formerly the British Airports Authority, with over half going to the public at £245 (\$3.97) each.

Of the total, 115 million would be sold in advance to financial institutions and the remaining 125 million would be sold through a tender, at a minimum of £2.45 (\$3.97). The price was in line with share analysts' forecasts.

The government decided to use a tender after financial institutions complained that the heavy oversubscription of earlier privatisations, including British Telecom, British Gas and British Airways, left them with hardly any

Under the tender system, the price bid for minimum applications of 1,000 shares will be the price paid, with the highest offers

winning. BAA runs Heathrow, Gatwick and Stanstead airports, all in the London area, and the civil facilities at Edinburgh, Glassgow, Prestwick and Aberdeen, all in Scot-

Bulgaria allows more reforms

VIENNA, Austria (AP) - The Bulgarian national assembly has adopted a declaration which will facilitate decentralisation, giving more decision-making power to municipalities, the state BTA

news agency said Tuesday.

Bulgaria, traditionally the
Soviet Union's staunchest ally among the Warsaw Pact nations, initiated its economic reform programme in 1986, and intends to complete it late this year.

BTA announced Monday that the council of ministers of socialist property to the workers, a process which is to be completed by Sept. 30.

In a departure from traditional socialist central planning, Tuesday's declaration said municipalities will have a say in determining the structure of production, and the right to organise the construc-tion of small and medium-size enterprises, BTA said.

Tanzania to get \$1.9b in aid

PARIS (R) - Major donors have pledged \$1.93 billion in aid to Tanzania for 1987-88, Finance Minister Cleopa Msuva said here

"I would have liked to have got more but I am satisfied with the result. It is a satisfactory arrangement until the account of the bank said in a statement up," Mr. Msuya told a news conference here after a two-day meeting with 21 countries and donor agencies making up the consultative group for Tanzania.

Mr. Sven Sandstrom, the World Bank's southern Africa director, said the commitments, broken down into \$955 million for 1987 and \$978 million in 1988, were clearly an increase over the \$800 million pledged last year for

He said about half the 1987-88 total would represent grants. "This shows the constitution of two trends — a shift from loanbased aid to grant aid, and a shift

ment until the economy picks that donors were unanimous in their praise for the satisfactory progress Tanzania has made in implementing its economic recov-

ery programme over the last year.
Mr. Msuya called agriculture the "locomotive" of Tanzania's economy. He said it was the first priority under the recovery prog-

A World Bank paper said maize output had risen over the last three years and the country was now self-sufficient in grains.

Dollar firms in Europe

LONDON (R) - The dollar firmed in value Wednesday, holding well above 150 Japanese ven, as the Japanese share and bond markets plunged again, dealers said.

of Japan is in progress, the dollar Miyazawa said Tuesday, when gained nearly a yen to touch highs of 150.57 yen and 1.8460 West German marks in Europe.

"What we have now is not so much a dollar rise as a yen weakening," said one London per cent to £84 million (\$136

> slumped, with the Nikkei index of past four trading sessions, the index fallen 820.37 points.

Investors fear the Japanese economy will be squeezed by firm oil prices, with no signs of further interest rate cuts in prospect, and many believe Japanese shares are severely over-valued.

U.S. government bonds, the favoured choice of Japanese investors moving out of their domestic markets, remained firm in over-the-counter European trading Wednesday.

fixed Tuesday afternoon at \$444.50.

On Wall Street, shares soared Gas Utility, British Telecoms Plc to near record levels Tuesday, with the Dow Jones industrial index up 20 to close at 2,449.78. Investors' relief that Lieute-nant-Colonel Oliver North did not implicate President Reagan in the Iran-contra scandal buoyed come self-supporting and "self-U.S. markets.

ers seem less worried about cen- Tuesday night of 2,365.4.

With many economists con- tral bank intervention, since vinced a major flow of funds out Japanese Finance Minister Kiichi the dollar was about 149 yen, that Japan had no current plans to intervene.

Dealers say central bank purchases or sales of the dollar, to keep major currencies within broadly agreed targets, are a key The Tokyo stock market part of February's Louvre accord to stabilise currency markets.

225 shares dropping 343.67 points

In that agreement, six major nonto close at 23,472.42. Over the communist industrial nations agreed that Japan and West Germany should stimulate their economies to boost consumption of foreign - especially U.S. goods, as a way of cutting a huge American trade deficit.

The United States, meanwhile, agreed to stop letting the dollar slide and to cut its budget deficit. Many investors fear that unless the U.S. trade deficit does come down, the dollar will have to slide, despite central bank intervention.

The price of gold eased to trade That would price European just above \$442 an ounce. It was and Japanese firms out of key export markets, and should even-

tually cut the trade deficit. Wednesday's dollar strength did buoy some European shares, as the Paris and Amsterdam markets firmed, while Frankfurt and

Zurich shares were steady. In London, the benchmark Financial Times Stock Exchange index of 100 leading shares rose 10.5 points to a morning high of And in currency markets, deal- 2,375.9. It was at a record close

Japanese business leader sees economic confusion

faces confusion as it weans itself from dependence on exports by

Mr. Saito, chairman of Japan's Federation of Economic Organisations (Keidanren), told Reuters in an interview Tuesday that public debate was sure to rage over the source of government funds spent to promote economic restructuring.

"There can be no restructuring without confusion," said Mr. Saito, who is chairman of Japan's biggest steel company, Nippon

Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone on Monday presented to an emergency session of parliament a 2,070 billion yen (\$13.9 billion) supplementary budget aimed at meeting Western calls for more domestic spending.

only. It has to have continuity, this year and the next. This year, from NTT share sales, but the covering.

TOKYO (R) - Japan's economy question of where the funds will come from in the future will be the subject of fierce debate."

boosting domestic activity, leading businessman, Mr. Eishiro Saito, has said.

The federation Mr. Saito heads includes all Japan's top companies and trade associations and has great and trade associations and has great influence on government policy. It strongly supported Mr.

Nakasone's proposal earlier this year for a sales tax to raise money for the government to spend on restructuring the economy. Widespread protests forced the government to drop the tax plan. On Tuesday, the labour minis-

try said that about 11 per cent of workers in the manufacturing sector, or 2.2 million people, would have to shift into service industries by 1993. "The continuing structural

adjustment in Japan's economy will have serious effects on domestic employment," a ministry spokesman told reporters. Government economists say

Sales of government shares in the economy is pulling out of the Japan's biggest telecommunications company, Nippon Telegraph and Telephone (NTT), will provide much of the money for nomy to grow only three per cent public works and other domestic this year compared to governspending contained in the supment estimates of 3.5 per cent.

plementary budget. "All one can say is that a few Mr. Saito said: "It is not bright spots have emerged," Mr. "All one can say is that a few enough to do this is one year Saito said. But there are many fundamental issues which remain unresolved, so one cannot easily we have a bit of pocket money say the economy is truly re-

Peanuts









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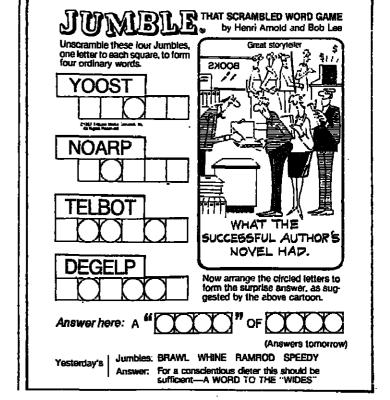












Seoul frees 357 dissidents on eve of funeral protest

SEOUL (R) — South Korea Wednesday freed 357 iailed dissidents under a democracy package announced on July 1 by President Chun Doo Hwan to end nationwide political protests, the Justice Ministry said.

rights campaigner Moon Ik-Hwan and woman student Kwon In-Suk, who claimed police sexually tortured her after her arrest last vear.

Also freed were 12 students jailed for the take-over of U.S. Cultural Centres in Seoul and

The Seoul government, striving to project a more liberal image, was pressing forward with its reform offensive on the eve of the funeral of a student fatally injured during anti-government

On Monday, another 177 political detainees were freed under the Chun package announced after nearly three weeks of fierce street protests across the country.

A Justice Ministry spokesman said former presidential candidate Kim Dae-Jung and about 2.100 dissidents convicted of political offences would be formally pardoned and have their civil rights restored early Thursday.

They included veteran human an announcement by dissidents that they would hold protest rallies Thursday in Seoul and 10 other cities after funeral ceremonies for Lee Han-Yol, a 20year-old student they call "a martyr for democracy.

Lee died on Sunday after lying brain-dead in hospital since June 9 when he was hit by fragments of a police teargas shell during a demonstration.

The National Coalition for a Democratic Constitution, which organised three major street rallies last month. has refrained from mobilising street protests since July 1 when President Chun Doo Hwan bowed to its demands for free elections, guarantees of human rights and press freedom.

The coalition is an opposition umbrella body linking the main opposition Reunification Democratic Party (RDP) with Christian and Buddhist groups and human rights activists.
"We planned yesterday to con-

centrate on the funeral and call a His statement coincided with demands were so strong that we lacking discipline.

coalition spokesman said.

The coalition's announcement raised fears of a fresh wave of street violence but Seoul Police Chief Cho Jong-Sok Wednesday banned any street marches by protesters or students mourning l ee's death.

Organisers of the funeral rites said they planned to carry Lee's coffin from Yonsei University to the city centre.

"If police try to stop us and fire tear gas, they will be digging their own graves," a student leader told Reuters.

Meanwhile a police official said Wednesday a South Korean police officer beat one of his men to death for disobeying an order.

The news came as controversy grew over the role the authorities were asking the largely conscript force to play in quelling antigovernment protests.

The official said Cho Yang-Gun, 22, lost consciousness on Monday after being punched heavily several times in the chest by officer Choi Dae-Hwan and was pronounced dead at Seoul's National Police Hospital.

Some 40 other policemen witnessed the incident, which occurred in a police bus. The official said day of protest later but public Choi had accused the youth of

Rescuers search for 23 bodies after West German lorry disaster

HERBORN, West Germany (R) — Rescuers sifted through mounds of rubble Wednesday searching for more than 20 people feared killed after a fullyladen petrol tanker smashed into a restaurant Tuesday night triggering a series of explosions.

Fire birgade chief Ernst Achilles told reporters the expected death toll was lower than had originally been thought. One body had so far been recovered and 23 people were still unaccounted for.

Twenty-nine people were taken to hospital in nearby towns after the lorry, laden with 36,000 litres of petrol, skidded out of control, sending fuel spewing

from its tank into gas pipes and mounds of broken glass. underground sewers.

Eyewitness Mathias Greb, 28,

described the accident: "The tanker was coming down the street," he said. "On the corner, where there's a fitness centre, he didn't manage to make a left hand turn. It fell over onto its right hand side. Petrol poured out and people came rushing out to see what had happened.

"Some were running away, others were rushing back into the restaurant. Then came the explos sion. Those who had gone back into the cafe were immediately trapped in the flames."

Another told of a woman running screaming barefoot across ists were allowed inside.

Four of the injured were in a critical condition and were flown to a special burns clinic in Cologne. Five firemen were also treated for minor injuries.

Herborn, an old town with a population of 20,000 some 80 kilometres north of Frankfurt, was turned into an inferno. Two buildings were razed, another nine were badly damaged.

Police declared an emergency. sealing off the immediate area with metal barricades and deploying paramilitary border forces to guard it. Only rescue workers, volunteers and journal-

Travellers claim 60 troops died in Tamil

rebel attack COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) -

Travellers returning from the area where guerrillas raided a military camp said the death toll could be as high as 60, although the government maintained only 20 soldiers were killed.

According to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). the guerrilla group which claimed responsibility for the attack, more than 100 soldiers were slain when its fighters blew up the army camp located in a school building in the northern Jaffina peninsula.

The attack Monday in the strategic Vadamarachchi area was the worst lighting since a May army offensive in which the military wrested control of the region from the rebels.

Travellers from Vadamarachchi. who asked that their names not be used for safety reasons, said Tuesday the military death toli could even exceed 60. They said 40 missing soldiers were pre-

sumed to have died in the raid. "The bulk of the soldiers who died were those who were buried alive when a single building of the school collapsed after being hit by mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and heavy machine gunfire," said a military official, who cannot be identified under briefing rules. But he maintained that only 20 soldiers died in the

"There is jubilation in Jaffna town over how the boys (rebels) hit the Neliaddy School. It is apparent the raid has succeeded beyond expectations," one traveller said.

Meanwhile Sri Lanka's chief security official said Tuesday he expects the Tamil rebel-dominated Jaffna peninsula to be in government hands soon.

Mr. Lalith Athulathmudali, the national security minister, made the comment in a parliamentary debate in which opposition mem-bers called for withdrawal of the army from Jaffna if it could not capture the northern peninsula. The debate came a day after Tamil separatist rebels destroyed an amy camp on the peninsula.

Moscow to free Rust

MOSCOW (R) — Teenage West Soviet Union.
German pilot Mathias Rust, who Meanwhile, flew through Soviet air defences and landed a light plane near Red Square on May 28, will be freed from a Moscow jail soon, a senior Soviet official said Wednesday.
"Rust will be freed soon,"

Valentin Falin, head of the semiofficial news agency Novosti, told West German reporters in Moscow for the visit of their country's President Richard Von Weizsaecker. "The case is coming to an end

now. You should wait some hours or some days and then a solution will be reached," said Mr. Falin, a former ambassador to Bonn. Rust is being held in Moscow's Lefortovo military prison and faces a maximum 10-year jail term if charged and convicted for violating Soviet air space.

Falin declined to answer further questions. He did not say when a solution to the case would be reached or when Rust, a 19-yearold from Hamburg, would be released.

He did not indicate whether Rust would be freed before Mr. Von Weizsaecker ends his visit to Moscow on Saturday.

Mr. Falin also did not say whether Mr. Von Weizsaecker, the first West German head of state to make an official visit to the Soviet Union for 12 years, had agreed terms for Rust's release during talks Tuesday with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Mr. Gosbachev invited Bonn on a new footing during the talks, ending a nine-month chill in ties fence commander, Marshal Alexbetween West Germany and the ander Kopldunov.

Meanwhile, Western experts have discovered how Soviet air defenders failed to intercept Rust as he flew over heavily-guarded western Russia to Moscow's Red Square, the newspaper Die Welt said Tuesday.

Die Welt, which gave no source for its information, said Soviet defences monitored the flight for 22 minutes after Rust entered Soviet air space and Leningrad area authorities ordered a MiG-23 aircraft up to intercept him.

It said the fighter eventually found the Cessna and radioed back that the plane was probably of Finnish origin. The MiG then returned to base and two other fighters of the same type were ordered up to "secure the air

But Die Welt said they did not find the violator and, since no Soviet early warning radar plane was operating in the area at the time, it disappeared from ground radar screens.

Rust flew on to Moscow unmolested because Leningrad area command had no fighter aircraft capable of finding and dealing with him at very low altitude and failed to send up combat helicop-ters suitable for the job, the newspaper said.

Moreover, it failed to inform Moscow's heavy defences of the incident, Die Welt added.

It said the circumstances of the air defence breakdown were explained to the ruling Soviet polit-Mr. Gospachev invited Bonn buro on May 30, leading to the to put its relations with Moscow sacking of Defence Minister

400 people still missing in Zambia river boat accident

LUSAKA (R) -- Some 400 passengers were still unaccounted for an feared drowned as rescuers pulled more bodies from the wreck of a Zairean river boat which sank on the Zambia-Zaire border on Sunday, officials said Wednesday.

The officials were still unable to give an accurate estimate of the total number of dead as efforts continued to raise the boat Maria from the bed of the Luapula River where it went down after hitting a sandbank.

Zambia national radio reported that many bodies were believed trapped in submerged lower deck of the boat where passengers were sleeping when the accident occurred in darkness.

There were only 80 survivors in Zambia's worst river disaster. It occurred near Katabulwe Harbour on a river full of crocodiles which forms the frontier between Zaire and Zambia, some 640 kilometres north of the Zambian capital, Lusaka. The Zambian News Agency

ZANA reported that only 40 bodies had been recovered so far. Three were Zambians and the rest Zaireans. Officials believe most of the victims in the disaster were Zaireans

The daily Times of Zambia, which is owned by the ruling United National Independence Party (UNIP), said 175 bodies had been recovered by Tuesday afternoon.

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U.S. ambassador to wed princess

PORT LOUIS, Mauritius (AP) - The U.S. ambassador to Mauritius. Ronald De Wayne Palmer, will convert to the Islamic faith and marry a princess of the Malaysian royal family later this month, sources in Washington and Mauritius said. The wedding between Palmer and Princess Intan will take place in the town of Vacous-Phoenix on July 25, the sources said. Princess Intan's brother is the sultan of the Malaysian state of Pahang and her family is closely linked to the government.

Texas executes convicted killer

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) - A man convicted of killing a 70-year-old woman during a robbery was executed by a poisonous injection Wednesday in Texas, while another condemned prisoner was put to death in Mississippi's gas chamber. The executions were the 82nd and 83rd in the nation since the U.S. Supreme Court refused to set aside the death sentences of both men and governors of both southern U.S. states refused to grant lastminute reprieves. The executions occurred a little more than a day after the state of Virginia electrocuted a man who murdered a neighbour. John Thompson, a 32-year-old former labourer, was pronounced dead at 12:20 p.m. (0420 GMT), minutes after a deadly solution was injected into a vein at the Texas Department of Corrections. State Attorney General Jim Mattox said.

Row triggered over Lennon portrait

LIVERPOOL, England (R) - A portrait showing murdered pop star John Lennon wearing a crown of thorns has triggered a row in the former Beatle's home town. The painting, by West German artist J.L. Stengel, has gone on show 20 years after himself Lennon caused a storm by suggesting the Beatles, then the country's most successful group, were more popular than Christ. Lennon was shot outside his New York apartment in December 1980. A leading Liverpool churchman demanded that the painting, which portrays Lennons as a martyr and likens his death to the crucifixion, be taken out of the exhibition currently housing it. The exhibition is due to go to Texas later this month but the assistant Anglican Bishop of Liverpool, Michael Henshall, said: The Beatles did a great deal for this city and the world and should be shown in that way. But there is no way you can represent one of them as the son of God."

Author sues for libel over sex charge

LONDON (R) - Jeffrey Archer, best-selling author and former deputy chairman of Britain's ruling Conservatives, had his reputation damaged by a newspaper article implying a liaison with a prostitute specialising in kinky sex, the high court has heard. A jury hearing the libel case was told that Archer's political future was in its hands. He resigned his party post last year after allegations in the tabloid Daily Star that he paid off the prostitute to avoid a scandal. The court heard that Archer paid £2,000 (\$3,200) to 35-year-old prostitute Monica Coghlan — who he said he had never met - to allow her to leave London while he sought to discover who was behind the allegations. Archer and his wife Mary sat together as the jury listened to tape recordings of telephone conversations between himself and Coghlan in which he consistently denied knowing her and recommended she go to the police. Archer's lawyer Robert Alexander told the court his client had hoped his position as deputy chairman of the Conservatives would lead to further exciting opportunities in politics. The lawyer said the Star's story last November has headlined "vice-girl Monica talks of Archer — the man she knew" the story alleged that one of Coghlan's clients wanted to dress up as red riding hood, wearing suspenders. Alexander said the article clearly implied Archer had had sexual relations with Cogilan and paid for her services.

3 Sikhs killed in backlash from Indian bus massacres Six cases of arson and looting by Sikh extremists have aroused help only in an emergency.

CHANDIGARH (AP) — Army troops went on alert Wednesday as anti-Sikh violence erupted in sacre of 72 bus passengers in organised attacks by Sikh terror-

A 55-year-old Sikh man was stoned to death Wednesday in the industrial town of Yamunanagar in Haryana, state police chief Hans Raj Swan told a news conference.

in Fatehbad town, a Sikh fearing attack fired at an approaching mob. He was overpowered and burned to death, Mr. Swan said. At least 24 Sikhs also were wounded in attacks in different parts of Haryana, he said.

An unconfirmed report from Hissar town said that a Sikh was killed by a mob.

AND OMAR SHARIF

Q.1 - Neither vulnerable, as South

9AJ1073 63 AK102 487

A -This is not even a choice. To

teverse showing a hand worth

about 16-plus points, and since your hand is unbalanced with one

suit unstopped, two no trump is out of the question. That leaves

only the obvious rebid of two

Q.2-As South, vulnerable, you

9KJG TAJ987 162 4852

The bidding has proceeded. North East South West

A .- Again, this question is best an-

swered by considering what you

cannot do A bid of two hearts

would be a one-round force and,

with no support for partner's suit,

that is an action you can ill afford.

So bid one no trump. You probably

have the opponent's suit doubly

stonged and are just about maxi-

Q.3-Foth vulnerable, as South

A .- There is a traditional way of

informing the world that you have

arrived at your destination: Pass.

Partner has denied holding a four-

card major and is unlikely to have

sufficient strength to make three

no trump a viable contract.

Pass

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

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What action do you take?

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The bidding has proceeded:

What do you bid now?

South West North East 1 Pass 2 Pass

GOREN BRIDGE

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

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against Sikh-owned shops were widespread anger in the Haryana, towns. Mobs made attempts to stop trains and lynch Sikh passengers in two towns, but railway police escorted the Sikhs to safe-

ty, the police chief said. The revenge killings occurred near the massacre site of 32 bus jab, officials said. passengers, most of them Hindus, Tuesday night in Haryana. Officials had previously said 34 people were killed in the Haryana massacte.

Meanwhile, the death toll rose to 40 in the Monday night bus massacre in Punjab by Sikh terrorists. officials said. It was the worst single attack since the Sikh campaign for autonomy or in-

dependence started in 1982. The organised attacks on buses

Q.4-As South, vulnerable, you

The bidding has proceeded: North East South West

1 Pass 1 Pass 2 NT Pass ?

A .- Your side has the values for

game, it is simply a question of the

best spot. Partner could easily

have three-card support for

make four hearts a sounder con-

tract. But to essay three hearts

would promise at least a six-card suit. The way to get a proference is

Q.5-Both vulnerable, as South

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North East South West

A .- There might possibly be a bet-

ter contract, but there is no way you can find out safely. Partner

must have a six-card suit for his

rebid in this situation, so get out

Q-6-Neither vulnerable, as South

you hold: **47** ♥K952 ∴AJ853 **46**52

Pass 1 NT Pass

The bidding has proceeded:

What action do you take?

North East South West

A.—it is a close decision between a

raise to three hearts and a jump to

game. Were we vulnerable, or had

our black-suit holdings been re-

versed, we would have taken a

shot at four hearts. At this vulner-

ability, however, where no rubber

bonus is at stake, we prefer the

more conservative three hearts.

Pass 1 7 Pass

The bidding has proceeded

Pass

while you can, Pass.

Pass

What action do you take"

What action do you take?

to bid three clubs now.

you hold. ♦K63

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reported in Hissar and Sirsa a majority Hindu community that Thousands of army soldiers were on alert in Haryana. More than 64,000 police and paramilitary troops also were on duty in

the state and neighbouring Pun-

In Punjab, a general strike protesting the killings paralysed most activity Wednesday, the United News of India (UNI) reported.

Soldiers staged marches in six Haryana towns to prevent violence against Sikhs.

In the capital, New Delhi, crack Gurkha troops stood by in police compounds in trucks mounted with machine-guns.

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) —

Prime Minister Bob Hawke's Au-

stralian Labour Party holds a 4

per cent lead over the opposition Liberal-National Party coalition

in the national election to be held

Saturday, according to a new

Mr. Hawke, in his bid to be-

come the first Labour leader

elected to three successive terms,

is defending his economic record

at a time of reduced living stan-

John Howard, chief of the

Liberal Party and head of the

opposition coalition, is promising

dards in Australia.

huge tax cuts.

They said a Sikh man was stabbed Tuesday morning in east borders Sikh-dominated Punjab. Delhi, scene of revenge killings after Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by Sikh bodyguards in 1984. They corloned off the area and increased

> Shops, markets and schools also closed in the states of Haryana and Himachal Pradesh to protest at the bus ambushes. the worst massacres since separatists launched a campaign for a Sikh homeland five years ago.

About 550 people have been killed so far this year compared with 640 throughout 1986. The opposition Bharatiya Janata Party called another protest Police said the army would strike in Delhi for Thursday.

said Labour's lead had narrowed

from the 5 per cent recorded the

The poll of 1,200 voters, taken

over the weekend, gave Labour a

rating of 48 per cent compared to

44 per cent for the coalition of the

drew 48.5 per cent and the coali-

In the previous poll. Labour

Rated individually, the opposi-

tion Liberals stayed at 33.5 per

cent both weeks, while the opposition Nationals edged up to

10.5 per cent. Morgan Gallup, which surveys the same group of voters each

two main opposition parties.

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tion 43.5 per cent.

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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By Mark Crowell and Carmen C. Brewe



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Last Week's Cryptograms

The vain, cocky disc jockey ran off an exquisite medley of exotic jazz of varying quality which was a bit borng to most people.
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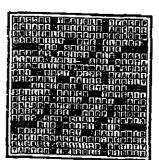
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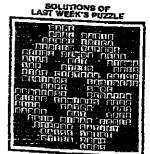
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-By Barbara J. Rugg

Results from the weekly Morweek, has consistently shown Labour in the lead by a margin of gan Gallup Poll, published in Wednesday's Bulletin magazine, 2 to 6 per cent in past weeks.

New poll shows Hawke's

party leading with 4 points

PANAMA CITY (R) — Panama has banned public protests inde-finitely after a week of growing men on an independent radio station.

dominated government took to the streets Tuesday night to counter the protest demonstrations, firing shots at an independent

to the capital "inadvisable."

"the black berets."

Panama bans public protests

anti-government street demonstrations and an attack by gun-

A presidential decree read over government television late Tuesday night said public protests were banned to avert "serious disturbances of public order."
Supporters of the military-

radio station in the city centre and shattering car windows. The latest unrest in the Panamanian capital prompted the U.S. Southern Command to warn the 10,000 American troops sta-

tioned here against leaving their bases along the banks of the Panama Canal.

Warnings on the Southern Command's television station said demonstrations made visits

Witnesses identified the leader of the attack on Radio Mundial. which the Interior Ministry shut down during unrest last week, as Luis Gaspar Suarez, president of a small political party known as

the Partido Panamenista. Mr. Suarez, a longtime associate of Panama's military chief and de facto ruler Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega owns a radio station that was shut down on Monday on charges of inciting government supporters to violence. He heads a paramilitary group known as

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